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MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY TODAY

BY PRESIDENT RONALD G. EAGLIN



Let's Stop Fretting About "Who's the Boss"

For the past several months, I have read many articles about the reform needed in higher education. Governor Paul Patton has even indicated that educational reform in higher education is a cornerstone to the evaluation of his governorship. Consultants have been hired and the public has been engaged, and we as college presidents have been challenged. Unfortunately, nothing of what I have read or heard has addressed what I feel should be a primary focus of reform: student achievement and success.

About 25 years ago, I had the opportunity to consult with the textile industry on increasing the profitability and quality of the cloth produced. First quality material got the highest price; for flawed material the price would decrease, but there were buyers at each level. The industry wanted to determine if it reduced flawed material and produced more high quality (non-flawed) material if it would be more profitable. Of course, the answer was yes. It was more profitable to place quality control measures into the manufacturing process and obtain a higher percentage of non-flawed material than to accept that a certain percentage would be flawed.

I realize that the raw material used to make cloth is quite different from a human being. Ability, motivation, and personal situations are but some of the conditions that affect the potential learner. But we must ask ourselves the same question the textile industry asked: Is it more cost effective to accept low quality (flawed) material or to seek quality by constantly analyzing how to improve quality (student success)?

We have many dedicated teaching professionals in higher education who are concerned with student success, but we lack a way to share best practices at times within the University and certainly across institutions. If student success were a state-wide objective shared by all faculty in all institutions, everyone would win.

I believe we must bring our best professors together to plan strategies to help their colleagues truly understand and perform at the highest level to increase student achievement. Monetary rewards and adequate salaries should be provided to motivate our faculties to a student achievement model. The Council on Higher Education could coordinate such an activity.

Significant returns would come to the Commonwealth of Kentucky if we developed a system that would reward faculty for student success. Every student who fails or underachieves costs the state not only state appropriation dollars but also the unrealized income of an educated citizen.

My premise is simple. Let's focus reform on enhancing success. Let's bring our best faculty together to develop methods to enhance learning. Let's develop reward systems for institutions, colleges, departments, and faculty who help students achieve success. Let's run under the assumption that if we accept a student into our institution, we will do everything in our power to aid in the success and achievement of that student.

In my opinion, we are too preoccupied with who will be in charge of higher education in this state rather than what should be accomplished. Let's first determine what we want to achieve and then determine how we should be organized.

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Cleaning up the nation's largest Superfund site

MSU grad Ron Bertram heads EPA team

BY REBECCA BAILEY

"The most difficult part is not the science, but trying to make everybody happy."

Ronald A. Bertram, an MSU alumnus who earned a bachelor's degree in 1972 and a master's degree in 1974, both in biology, is an environmental scientist with the United States Environmental Protection Agency in Helena, Mont. He is one of the project managers cleaning up the nation's largest Superfund site.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was established in 1970 as an independent agency in the executive branch of the federal government, to coordinate effective government action on behalf of the environment. The EPA consolidates in a single body the administration of all federal environmental legislation, including the program known as Superfund.

"Superfund has its roots in Love Canal," Bertram said. The disastrous events at Love Canal in Niagara Falls, N.Y., involved improperly disposed hazardous waste. A chemical dump and landfill used by the Hooker Chemical Corporation, in 1953 it became the site for housing and a school. In 1971 toxic liquids began seeping through the clay cap that was intended to seal the dump, and as a result approximately 1,000 families had to be relocated. The site was sufficiently cleaned up by 1990 for some of the abandoned houses there to be put up for sale.

In response, the EPA compiled an inventory of some 32,000 sites that are believed to contain hazardous wastes. In 1980, Congress authorized a "Superfund" to be set aside for the cleanup of some of these sites. The Superfund was established by a tax on companies that produce hazardous wastes but is not currently authorized, and projects are operating out of funds saved from previous tax years.

Bertram said that the state having the greatest number of Superfund sites is New Jersey. Kentucky has two: the Valley of the Drums near Louisville and Maxey Flats in Fleming County. Montana has nine sites.

The largest of these is located near Butte and spans eighty river miles, Bertram explained recently in a guest lecture to a geoscience class taught by Charles Mason, assistant professor of geoscience.

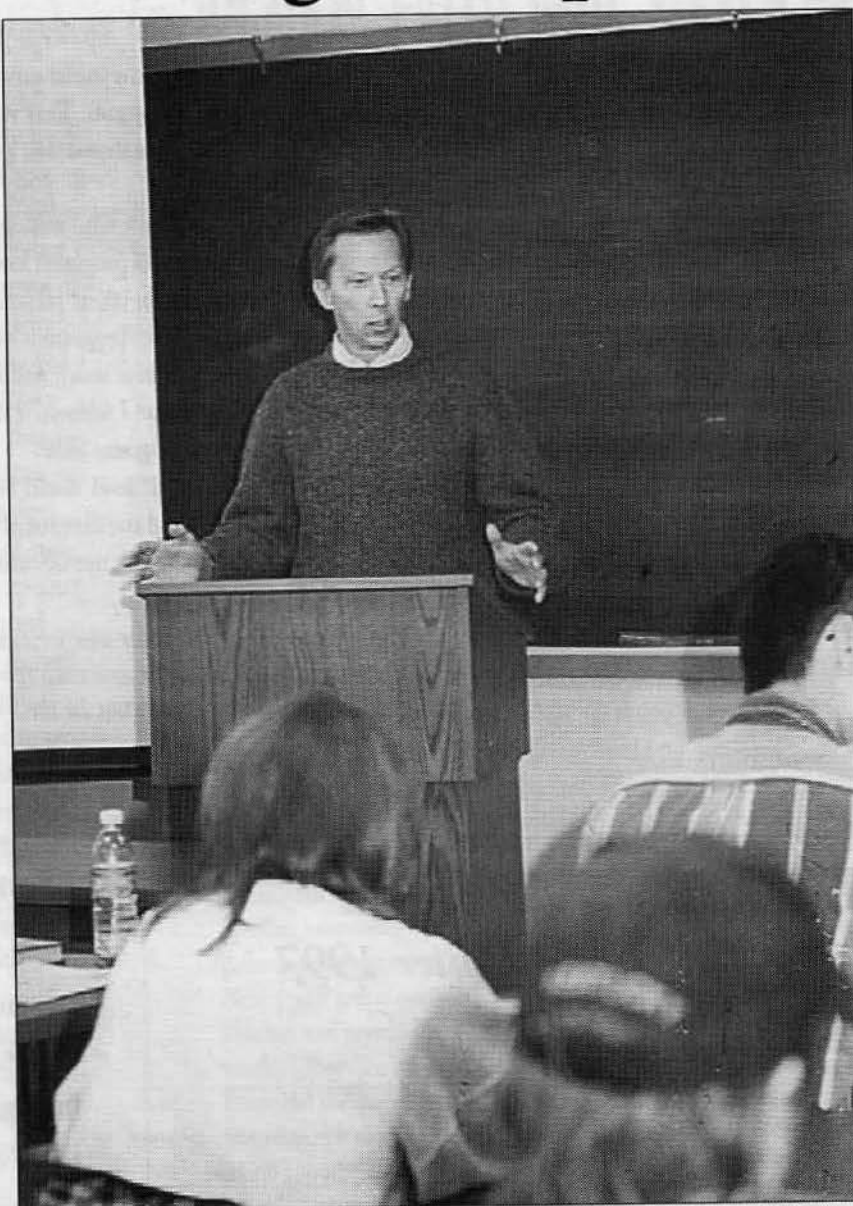
"The pollution comes from hard rock min-

ing (igneous or metamorphic rocks) for copper, silver, gold, manganese, and other precious metals and their by-products," Bertram explained. "Mining began here in the 1880s. Their method was to pulverize the rock, screen it, then treat it chemically for separation and purification with elements such as mercury. This produced tailings which were sluiced into streams to wash away. These metals and the added contaminants are all detrimental to the environment—copper, for instance, is worse for the environment than arsenic. Hundreds of millions of cubic yards of these tailings have gone into the water system, which contaminates the water and creates slickens, depositions along streams which cause the soil to have a high metal content. Usually the deposits are yellow and damage the soil so that nothing will grow. It is likewise a source of leaching into groundwater."

Atlantic Richfield (ARCO) is one of the primary responsible parties. (The Anaconda Mineral Company caused the contamination, but since ARCO merged with and absorbed the Anaconda Mineral Company and acquired the property or assets of the Anaconda Mineral Company, ARCO is responsible under the Superfund law for the cleanup, Bertram said.) Other responsible parties (there are 22 in all at the Butte site) include railroad companies, Montana Power Company, and the city of Butte, the entirety of which is within the Superfund site.

"All parties on all sides have their arguments about what should or should not be done," said Bertram. "Should we spend this much money to remediate problems created throughout 120 years of mining?"

"EPA can issue cleanup orders to one or all of the responsible parties, joint or severally. This is one reason why Superfund reauthorization has been delayed," Bertram predicts the



Ronald A. Bertram

question of reauthorization of the Superfund will be in the political forefront in the next couple of years, with President Bill Clinton saying, "Make the polluter pay."

The work is slow, but Bertram sees progress. An abatement program was established to monitor and decrease the levels of mercury and lead in the blood levels of children in the area. This was paid for by ARCO. "First we looked at human health threats," he said, "and we have made great improvements. Now we are trying to get the streams, which are sterile, to support fish."

In answer to a student's question, Bertram allowed that in cases like this, much of a scientist's frustration is in working through the legal gridlock. "Sometimes addressing the legal issues does not allow a direct scientific

approach. The law attempts to afford everyone legal cover to hide in. It can lead to years of legal bickering."

Bertram brought with him a great deal of experience with regulatory programs and geology when he began working with this project in 1987. He has worked in Kentucky coal mine reclamation, mainly conducting soil analyses to help inspectors learn how much lime they needed to add to the surface soil in order for reclamation efforts to be effective. He worked with the Office of Surface Mining in Kentucky, Wyoming, and North Dakota for 10 years, and has also worked with the Underground Storage Tank Program (mainly the storage of hydrocarbons) in Montana. Most of his work, he said, has involved Superfund.

As a graduate student at MSU, Bertram wrote his thesis on the herpetofauna of the Upper Lick Fork watershed, a survey of the reptiles and amphibians prior to the damming of Cave Run Lake. He speaks very highly of two of his biology professors, Dr. Madison E. Pryor, professor emeritus of biology, and Dr. Gerald DeMoss, professor of biology and currently dean of MSU's College of Science and Technology. "Dr. Pryor had a tremendous effect on me. He was very inspirational in making me take myself seriously as a scientist. And Dr. DeMoss was very supportive, and helped me personally in a great many ways as well as academically and professionally."

Bertram and his wife Margaret are the parents of a 12-year-old son, Clint. They live in Clancy, Mont.

Letter to the Editor

July 31, 1996

Dear Editor,

As I prepare to attend the 1996 Olympics Soccer Games in Athens, Georgia, I begin to recall my initial exposure to the game that the rest of the world knows as football. Entering MSU during the fall of 1968, the year of the Olympic Games in Mexico City, I learned that MSU had a soccer team. That year I was privileged to have Dr. Mo Sabie for a professor. He had attended the Olympics that year and through fate had ended up coaching the team from his native country. He shared that experience with many of us and we relived the glory of the games through him. Not only did I learn about soccer, I became a fan and attended many games while at MSU.

I use this introduction to stir memories of other alumni who attended or played soccer and now who wonder why Morehead State University does not have a collegiate soccer program. I do believe that soccer is here to stay in the USA. One needs only to look at the youth and high school programs in one's own area. MSU is missing out on some outstanding young people right in its own back yard. Rowan County High School has a soccer program with an outstanding record and yet its players must attend other colleges and universities to continue their careers. I am sure that sons and daughters of MSU alumni are also considering other institutions where a collegiate soccer program is available.

MSU is very fortunate to have a facility like Jacobs Field available. Soccer, a relatively inexpensive sport, and football could share the facility and make better use of the field. Given the number of programs in Kentucky and bordering states (Ohio, West Virginia, and Tennessee) that are Division I schools, it should not be difficult to schedule games within a day's drive of Morehead. There are even a larger number of Division II and III schools. This would apply for men's and women's programs alike.

It is my understanding that club soccer teams now exist at MSU, so the transition to collegiate level would be an easy one. With this in mind, I urge all alumni who would support MSU intercollegiate soccer for women and men to express their concerns to the president of the University and the director of athletics.

Thank you for sharing this letter with my fellow alumni. I'll be thinking of MSU while watching the US women go for the gold.

Sincerely,
Patricia Dorton Whitaker
'75 & '83
Statesboro, GA

(Editor's note: Since this letter was written, MSU has implemented women's soccer as a club sport, and will begin intercollegiate competition in the 97-98 season.)

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To MSU Alumni and Association Members:

It is an honor and a privilege to be your Alumni Association president for the next two years. Over the past years we have enjoyed exceptional leadership from



H. Jack Webb

the Board of Directors and from the Alumni office staff at MSU. Our active membership numbers have grown by an enormous rate, and lost alumni are being identified daily. It is a unique privilege to assume the office of President at this time, because it is a special time for Morehead State University. Beginning in April at the Founders Day festivities, there will be a year of celebration to honor Morehead State University's 75th anniversary as a public institution of higher learning. There will be hundreds of activities going on during this year of celebration, in which you and your family will have the opportunity to participate. We hope that 100% of the MSU alumni will have the opportunity to participate in some of the many celebration activities during the year.

There are many activities that the

Alumni staff offer related to athletic events and other University activities, such as Homecoming, Chapter Night, Founders Day, and excursions to Churchill Downs, Keeneland, and other sporting events. Please take advantage of the activities when they are located in your area and in the Alumni-sponsored activities on campus. The staff encourages you to let them know when there is an MSU alumni activity in your area, so they may lend support to the activity.

My primary goals as President of the MSU Alumni Association are to encourage the establishment of new alumni chapters and to encourage more alumni to give back to the University through donations, to help give others the opportunity to obtain a college education. Many things have changed at the University, but the personal caring for the individual student has not changed.

With state funding for higher education on the decline, the University must turn to us, the alumni, to help continue the high standards that are required at the University and also to continue providing the caring atmosphere that has always been unique at our University.

H. Jack Webb

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Joining passengers are H. Jack Webb, President of the Alumni Association, his wife Joie and daughter Erika.

Special Group Fares

Special MSU fares begin at just \$1,159 per person including airfare from Lexington or Louisville, Kentucky. A \$200 deposit is due by March 3, 1997. Other departure cities may necessitate an additional charge. Golf will be available at St. Thomas and St. Maarten. While aboard the beautiful and luxurious "Sensation," passengers will enjoy a hosted reception.

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ACADEMICS



MSU ENROLLS FIRST CLASS OF PA STUDENTS

Eight Eastern Kentucky residents have the distinction of being the first students enrolled in a new Physician Assistant Program offered at MSU in cooperation with the University of Kentucky's Chandler Medical Center and St. Claire Medical Center. Under the cooperative program, the students will gain all their classroom training at MSU from both MSU and UK faculty. Many of the courses are offered through distance learning. Among those taking part in an orientation program were, from left, MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin; Dr. Thomas Robinson, dean of UK's College of Allied Health Professions; Kimberly Bromagen of Mt. Sterling, Jennifer House of Williamstown, Jill Short of Pippa Passes, Jennifer Hardin of Morehead, Laura Leuken of Ashland, Marcella Adams of Wurtland, J. Andy Edie of Morehead, Mark Fairchild of West Liberty, all members of the first class; Jim Fry, UK assistant professor of physician assistant studies; David Bolt, vice president for regional network development at St. Claire, and Brad Schwarz, UK associate director of the PA program.

Two MSU professors Acorn finalists

Dr. Rosemary Carlson, professor of finance, and Dr. Benjamin K. Malphrus, associate professor of science, were among the top 10 finalists for the 1996 Acorn Award given by the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education.

Dr. Carlson, an MSU alum, is an innovator in distance learning and taught Kentucky's first class via the Internet last spring. Dr. Malphrus, director of MSU's Astrophysical Observatory, has been awarded three NASA JOVE (Joint Venture) Research Fellowships, which also provide scholarships for student researchers.

The Acorn Award is presented annually to the college or university professor whose particular strength is in motivating students.

Dr. Malphrus writes book

Dr. Benjamin K. Malphrus, MSU associate professor of science, has written a book entitled "The History of Radio Astronomy and the National Radio Astronomy Observatory: Evolution Toward Big Science." In the book, which was released by Krieger

Publishing Company of Melbourne, Fla., Dr. Malphrus discusses the beginnings of radio astronomy, the development of NRAO instrumentation, and the contributions made using those instruments. The publication is available at the MSU Bookstore.

"The discovery of radio waves in 1932 led to new branches of study in astronomy," said Dr. Malphrus, who has written several articles on radio astronomy. "New classes of objects are being discovered all the time."

Dr. Malphrus, director of MSU's Astrophysical Observatory, spent six years researching and writing the book, which is aimed at anyone with an interest in astronomy.

He was instrumental in the design and construction of the Morehead Radio Telescope, which should become fully operational some time in the near future. Last year he headed a team of scientists in the discovery of a galaxy, named NGC-5291-B. Since 1994, he has been awarded three NASA JOVE (Joint Venture) Research Fellowships for study into the structure and kinetics of gravitationally interacting galax-

ies, and hopes to receive funding for a second radio telescope in Morehead.

100% of '96 Vet Tech class pass national exam

The 1996 graduating class from MSU's Veterinary Technology program achieved a 100 percent passage rate after taking the Veterinary Technician National Examination. All 15 members of the class, who sat for the licensing exam in the early summer, earned passing scores, according to Dr. Lee Tyner, coordinator of the program. Last summer the students completed preceptorships, which is the final requirement prior to receiving their degrees.

"We are very proud of their accomplishment," Dr. Tyner said. "They now are qualified to be licensed as veterinary technicians in most states. A few states have some additional requirements."

Completing the exam were Ralph Adams of Salyersville, Brandi Bella of Danville, W.Va., Cynthia Broughman of Wurtland, Kristi Asher Chastain of Salem, Ind., Todd Dials of Warfield, Tabitha Evans of Huntington, W.Va., Heidi Gardner of Morehead, Tammy Hacker of Longwood, Fla., Judy Horsley of Paris, Cheri Lievanos of Versailles, Amy Loftus of Louisville, Georgi Perry of Morehead, Margaret Schoenstra of Louisa, Kimberly Spears of Feds Creek, and Janet Studebaker of Piercetown, Ind.

Graduates of MSU's Veterinary Technology Program are qualified to assist in all areas of veterinary work. The coursework is designed to ensure adequate skills in clinical practice and laboratory testing in such areas as surgical assisting, anesthesia, radiology, clinical pathology, and other veterinary medicine-related practices.

Graduates of the two-and-a-half year program earn the Associate of Applied Science degree.

Roma Prindle to teach in Austria

Roma Prindle, assistant professor of music at MSU, has been chosen by the Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS) to teach a five-week summer program in Salzburg, Austria, in 1997.

Among the classes scheduled to be taught are courses in vocal literature, opera performance, music history, theory, piano

accompanying, chamber music, and piano literature. The program also includes opportunities for students to attend concerts in Salzburg and Vienna.

According to Prindle, students do not have to be currently enrolled at a KIIS school in order to qualify for admission to the program. The program will allow students to receive credit towards undergraduate or graduate degrees which will transfer to the student's school.

The deadline for registration is Feb. 1, 1997. Additional information is available from Prindle at (606) 783-2481 or through e-mail at r.prindle@morehead-st.edu.

KIIS, a consortium formed by 12 Kentucky universities and colleges, coordinates study-abroad programs that allow students to examine various aspects of international cultures and gain opportunities for independent learning travel while abroad.

NSF awards grant for new molecular biology lab

Subscribing to the theory that students learn best by doing, Dr. Geoffrey Gerner, MSU associate professor of biology, and three of his colleagues submitted a grant proposal to the National Science Foundation to improve their teaching of molecular biology.

As a result, the NSF, under its Instrumentation and Laboratory Improvement Program in the Division of Undergraduate Education, awarded MSU \$41,000 for a state-of-the-art undergraduate molecular biology lab. With the University matching the grant, the total for the project comes to \$82,000.

Working with Dr. Gerner on the lab proposal were Dr. David Magrane and Dr. David Saxon, professors of biology, and Dr. Craig Tuerk, assistant professor of biology.

"We've been teaching molecular biology by the traditional lecture method utilizing some simple demonstrations, but now our students will be able to gain more sophisticated experiences," said Dr. Gerner. "This really will improve our ability to teach concepts of molecular biology by letting students demonstrate those concepts in the lab themselves. We wanted to enhance the undergraduate curriculum as a whole and not just one course." Six science courses will be directly impacted with the addition of the lab equipment and it could impact others.

The lab is located in the new addition to Lappin Hall which opened two years ago. "We designed the lab in anticipation of being successful with our NSF proposal," he said.

The new equipment includes a floor model refrigerated centrifuge, a UV spectrophotometer, and microplate reader, as well as student workstations composed of electrophoretic equipment, water bath, and liquid handling equipment. In addition, a specialized digital camera will be used to document raw data generated by the students so they can analyze it.

Competition for NSF grants is generally pretty stiff, according to Carole Morella, director of research, grants and contracts, whose office assists faculty and staff in pursuing grants. There were 1,600 proposals from various science disciplines submitted for the Instrumentation and Laboratory Improvement Program and only 600 were funded.

"MSU faculty have had five successful NSF proposals in recent years, two of which were awarded this year. The faculty has done exceptionally well in obtaining grants to improve undergraduate instruction," Morella said.



Working on an experiment under the direction of Dr. Gearner are Yancy Holbrook, a Salyersville freshman, and Charity Salisbury, a Harold freshman. Both students are biology/pre-med majors.

Students and faculty attend Honors Conference

Several MSU students and faculty members were invited to make presentations at the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Conference held in San Francisco, Calif., Oct. 31-Nov. 3.

Approximately 1,000 students and faculty members from the Honors Program across the country attended the conference which followed the theme "Explorations on the Edge."

The following presentations were made: "Outlaws of a Generation: Writers of the Beatnik Era," Christina Beimesch, Burlington senior, Amy Claxon, Oldtown senior, Adam Klein, Morehead senior, Jason Underwood, Tollesboro junior, and Dr. Terry L. Irons, assistant professor of English;

"Explorations on the Edge of Education: Censorship in the Curriculum," Katie A. Evans, Ashland sophomore, Gena G. Henry, Ezel sophomore, Freddie J. Napier, Booneville sophomore, Kristy Noble, Jackson sophomore, and Dr. Glenn C. Rogers, professor of English;

"Chaucer on the Edge: Portraits of Feminism and Love," Geraldine Peters Carter, West Liberty graduate student, and Henry;

"Roland v. Cid: On the Self of Intolerance," Manasses Fonteles, Brazil senior, Joe Sweeney, Inez junior, and Dr. John Secor, associate professor of romance languages;

"YO! Rimbaud: A Poet on the Edge of the Self," Paula Jackson, Morehead senior, Leda Schultz, Louisville junior, and Mary Jo Netherton, associate professor of French;

"True Chicken Little Stories: Mass Hysteria Through the

Ages," Tonya Hatfield, Orange City, Iowa, senior, Brad Hughes, Vanceburg sophomore, Laura Roberts, Mt. Sterling senior, and Beimesch;

"Human Genome Research: On the Edge of Discovery or Disaster?" Amy Forman, Morehead sophomore, Aimee Montgomery, Mt. Sterling freshman, Courtney Morgan, Hartford sophomore, Danny Sharp, Morehead senior, Jason Smith, Decoy junior, and Dr. Dayna S. Brown, assistant professor of health, physical education, and recreation;

"Teaching on the Edge," Dr. Mac Luckey, professor of philosophy and director of MSU's Honors Program, and Dr. Rogers.

Barry Milner wins music composition contest

Barry Milner, MSU senior from Cynthia, has won the competition contest sponsored by Jackson Hill and the Brass Band of the Tri-State. Milner won \$1,000 for his original music entitled "Olympic Fanfare and March" which he wrote during the summer while watching the '96 Olympics. The composition, which is nearly three minutes in length, was performed by the Brass Band of the Tri-State on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre in Ashland.

"We are always happy to see our students honored for their own compositions, but, in this instance, we are extremely pleased at the generosity of one of our former students," said Dr. Christopher Gallaher, chair of MSU's Department of Music.

Hill gave the MSU Foundation \$500 which was matched by his employer, Ashland, Inc. A native of Ashland, Hill is founder of the Brass Band of the Tri-State. The ensemble consists of professionals from the tri-state area of West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky.

A music education major, Milner composes for all types of ensembles. He currently is working on an orchestral piece for another competition and would like to write film scores for movies in the future. As he trains for that day, he is a fan of the works of John Williams, Jerry Goldsmith, and James Horner. He has studied composition at MSU with Jay Flippin, associate professor of music, and Dr. Gallaher.

With a knowledge of all brass instruments, Milner plays tuba in MSU's Marching Band. He also plays that instrument and the string bass at Chi Alpha Fellowship on campus as well as back home at the Assembly of God Church.

Son of Ray and Donna Milner of Cynthia, Milner credits the strong music program at Harrison County High School for getting him started. After coming to MSU on a music scholarship, he has continued involvement in the field by becoming a member of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity, College Music Educators National Conference (CMENC), and joining the Tubists Universal Brotherhood Association.

But study will not end after the undergraduate degree because Milner plans to attend graduate school, major in theory and competition, and someday teach.

Two receive honorary degrees at 1996 winter commencement

During MSU's 1996 winter commencement, approximately 500 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees conferred by President Ronald G. Eaglin. In addition, two distinguished Eastern Kentucky women received honorary doctorates. Susie Halbleib of Morehead and Helen Price Stacy of West Liberty received honorary Doctor of Science and honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees, respectively.

Halbleib, a registered nurse, and her colleague Dr. C. Louise Caudill have worked together for nearly 50 years and are recognized throughout Eastern Kentucky as medical pioneers. A native of Louisville, Ms. Halbleib graduated from the Nazareth College School of Nursing (now Spalding University) with clinical work at St. Joseph's Hospital. While serving as a public health nurse in Clay County, she met Dr. Caudill and their medical partnership was formed.

While managing Dr. Caudill's family medicine practice over the years, Ms. Halbleib has assisted in delivering more than 8,000 babies in Eastern Kentucky. Working side by side, the two have helped develop St. Claire Medical Center into a regional health care facility as well as numerous other efforts for the betterment of the community. Respected as a medical professional in her

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At the Winter Commencement on Dec. 14, MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin awarded honorary doctoral degrees to, from left, Susie Halbleib and Helen Price Stacy. MSU Regent Helen Pennington, right, presented the candidates.

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own right, Ms. Halbleib has strongly supported allied health education programs at MSU and been a champion of women's health issues.

Stacy is recognized as a journalist, artist, poet, author, and historian. One of 16 original Kentucky Heritage Artists, her work has been shown in Washington, D.C. and throughout Kentucky and the United States, including Appalshop's juried "Images from the Mountains" exhibits. Her paintings have gone into the homes of Phyllis George, Mary Lou Whitney, and broadcasting magnate Ted Turner.

A published poet, she has been honored by the National League of American Penwomen and the Tennessee Author's Competition. One of her poems appeared in the recently published "God's Plenty," along with works by 56 other Kentuckians. The organizer of the Kentucky Hill Branch of the NLAP, she is a member of the Foothills Artists and the Lexington Art League.

Mrs. Stacy has also written for several Kentucky newspapers. A former member of the Kentucky Heritage Commission, she was recognized by the Morgan County Historical Society. A contributor to the Kentucky Encyclopedia, she also wrote two volumes of the history of Morgan County. She is one of the founders of the Morgan County Sorghum Festival.

The student speaker was Cecilia Michelle Maggard of Vicco, a senior in the Caudill College of Humanities. A dean's list student,

she received her A.B. degree in English with honors. A theatre minor, she is also certified as a secondary education teacher and plans to teach. She did her student teaching this semester at Breathitt County High School. Maggard transferred to MSU in the fall of

1994 from Haz-

ard Community College. As an MSU student, she was a member of Sigma Tau Delta English honorary as well as Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary and was active in the theatre program. She also worked in the Department of Management and Marketing, College of Business. The daughter of Otis and Cecilia Maggard, she is a graduate of Dilce Combs High School.

The new graduates were inducted into the MSU Alumni Association by its president, H. Jack Webb of Ashland.

Dr. Travis P. Lockhart, professor of theatre and recipient of the 1996 Distinguished Teacher Award, was grand marshal, assisted by Dr. Frances Helphinstine, professor of English. Student marshals were Laurent A. Nash of Morehead, representing Graduate and Extended Campus Programs; Joseph C. Sweeney of Inez, College of Science and Technology; Stacy A. Wilson of Ashland, College of Business; Melissa A. Hoskins of West Liberty, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences; and Genevieve M. Campbell of Concord, representing the Caudill College of Humanities.

Dr. Stuart Sprague edits new book

Dr. Stuart S. Sprague, professor emeritus of history, is the editor of a new book about a man who helped slaves escape to freedom.

The manuscript for "His Promised Land: The Autobiography of John P. Parker, Former Slave and Conductor on the Underground Railroad" was written in the late 1880s. The book tells the story of John P. Parker, a mulat-

to slave who bought his freedom in 1845 and spent the next 20 years helping several hundred slaves cross the Ohio River from Kentucky and on into Canada.

Since 1988, Dr. Sprague has researched the underground railroad in Kentucky, particularly around the Maysville area. He was instrumental in helping establish the Mason County Underground Railroad Museum and African American Research Center in Maysville.

Dr. Sprague has published several works about African-American history, including "The New Mother Lode" for the "Journal of Negro History" and one volume of "Kentucky Black Genealogy." He also is the author of various books about Kentucky, including "Eastern Kentucky: A Pictorial History," "Kentuckians in Missouri," "Kentuckians in Illinois," and "Kentuckians in Ohio and Illinois." An MSU faculty member for 28 years before retiring last spring, Dr. Sprague received his bachelor's



MSU hosts Upward Bound reunion

MSU's Upward Bound Program recently celebrated its 30th Anniversary Reunion. Several former participants and staff members shared their experiences in Upward Bound as part of the evening's program. President Ronald G. Eaglin presented a proclamation of accomplishment to Jennifer Cady, Upward Bound project director. The federally-funded program is designed to increase high school students' motivation and academic skills needed for post-secondary education. Approximately 1,000 young people have participated in the program since its beginning in 1966. Its alumni include professionals in a wide variety of fields and community service.

and master's degree from Yale University and a Ph.D. degree from New York University. He and his wife Carola are the parents of four children.

DECEASED

as of December 5, 1996

Sherman D. Henderson	1937	Wallace B. Feix	1955
Elijah M. Hogge	1937	N. Corinne Holbrook Duggan	1956
Walter W. Roschi	1938	Jack R. Hall	1962
Forest M. Skaggs	1944	Lucille Hughes Boyd	1963
Mary E. Briggs	1947	Mary J. Lyle Parrott	1964
Wendell R. Conley	1953	Pearl M. McKinnon Thompson	1968
Ruth Butcher Sparks	1953	Steven L. Black	1971
Lena Charley Bailey	1954	Donald I. Eskew	1975
Louise Carpenter Gum	1954	Lowell T. Meadows, Sr	1977
Elmer D. Anderson	1955	Gary Grimsley	1992

OOPS! We Goofed

In an earlier issue of Statement, the alumnus listed below was erroneously identified as deceased. We apologize for any confusion this might have caused.

Asa M. Vest

1966

WEDDING WATCH

as of 12/6/96

Lana L. Kincer, McRoberts & Larry C. Quillen (89), Neon
 Machelles Holliday, Vest & Gregory D. Morgan (94), Louisa
 Teresa L. Smallwood (95), Denniston & Larry J. Davis, Means
 Ellena D. Adams, Cromona & John M. Wright (95), Jenkins
 Amy Lee Welch (95), Brevard, N.C. & Jeremy R. Williams (96), Louisville
 Angela K. Hogg (90), Lexington & Bradley C. Smart, Lexington
 Susan D. Roark (93), Catlettsburg & Richard B. Patrick, South Point, Ohio
 Phonesavanh Khounlavong, Ashland & Steven A. Hester (93), Ashland
 Cheryl Kitchen, Naples & Kevin A. Garrison (89), Hillsboro, Ohio
 Laura D. Bledsoe, Ashland & Jeffrey H. Carter (93), Ashland
 Sherri L. Jackson (95), Ironton, Ohio & David J. Arthur, Ashland
 Misty D. Barker (96), Olive Hill & Roger L. Holbrook (96), Olive Hill
 Catherine L. Puher, Proctorville & Stephen W. Carroll III (94), Ashland
 R. Dionne Mullins (94), Cromona & Keith B. Gayheart (94), Leburn
 Shari R. Sheffield (92), Mt. Orab, Ohio & Jamie S. Easterling (94), West Liberty
 Melanie R. Boggs (93), Grayson & Bryan S. Scott (93) Grayson
 Jennifer L. Hasler (95), Felicity, Ohio & Christopher E. Sparks (95), Ashland
 Paula L. Vance (96), Catlettsburg & Sean VanHoose, Nashville, Tenn.

Katherine E. Gray (94), Cynthiana & Gary M. Linville (96), Cynthiana
 Karri B. Buckner (96), Campton & Todd L. Day (94), Carlisle
 Tara E. Holtz, Pittsburgh & Michael C. Brickey (88), Sandy Hook
 Bambi G. White (90), Worthington & Steve D. Deitch, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Lamona L. Edwards (88), Bowling Green & Thomas Norwood, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.
 Carmella D. Moore, Tollesboro & Carl W. Haight (74), Flemingsburg
 Suzanne Blair (82), Ashland & Larry V. Johnson (74), Flemingsburg
 Christina A. Salyers (93), West Union, Ohio & Barry W. Purvis, Ewing
 Amy L. Henry (95), Ashland & John C. E. Allen (94), Ashland
 Sabrina VanHoose, Paintsville & Brian K. Ward (94), Paintsville
 Elizabeth Williamson, Seminole, Fla., & Brian Hutchinson (96), Louisa
 Teresa Wright, Ashland & Jaime Jarrell (77), Olive Hill
 Linda M. Helterbride (82), Burlington & Stephen Benson, Florence
 Mary K. Landon (95), Cincinnati & Thomas C. Proctor (93), Sparta, Tenn.
 Jennifer K. Hubbard (92), Indian Springs, Ohio & Christopher Waters, Fairfield, Ohio
 Janet L. Bradley (94), Ashland & Christopher M. Stewart, Ashland
 Karen Brown Hogsten, Ashland & John F. McIntyre, Jr. (67), Ashland
 Stephanie E. Hanley, Camden, S.C. & David F. Caldwell (94), Morehead

Remember when?

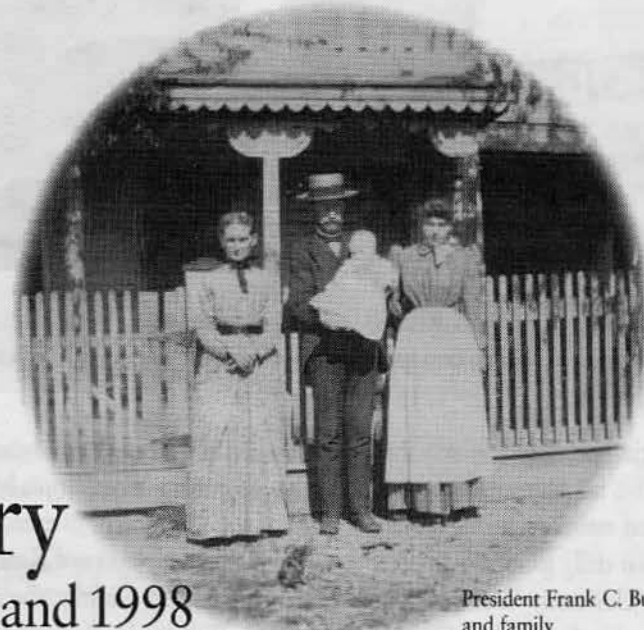
MSU's 75th Anniversary Calendar is a keepsake of memories, historical events and photos, plus special events celebrating 75 years as a public institution of higher learning.

Certainly a collector's item, the two-year calendar is available by mail. Cost is \$10, plus a \$2 shipping and handling charge.



75th Anniversary

Two-Year Calendar 1997 and 1998



President Frank C. Button and family

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New Wellness Center opens

BY PAULINE YOUNG



At opening ceremonies, Mike Mincey, vice president for student life, tried out one of the new machines while Neal Butler, Morehead graduate student, left, and Bill Redwine, director of alumni relations and development, observed.

Getting physically fit was the plan at MSU this fall as students as well as faculty, staff, and retirees scheduled exercise time into their daily routines.

The University Wellness Center formally opened in September. Dr. Dayna Brown, associate professor of health, physical education, and recreation, has assumed the additional responsibility of serving as the Center's director, with Jane Kelly, a former graduate student in exercise science, as the coordinator.

Dr. Brown, who owned her own fitness center for more than 10 years, is certified by the American College of Sports Medicine. She received an A.B. degree in physi-

cal education and health and Master of Arts in HPER from MSU and earned an Ed.D. degree in exercise physiology from the University of Kentucky. A native of Fleming County, she and her husband William D. Brown are the parents of two sons, Rian, an MSU sophomore, and Justin, a junior at Fleming County High School.

Kelly, daughter of Lake and Martha Kelly of Flemingsburg, earned a bachelor's degree in advertising and public relations from MSU in 1994 and completed a master's degree in exercise science in 1996. She has worked in cardiac rehabilitation at the Morehead Clinic and was employed at the

Toyota Fitness Center in Georgetown.

"Jane's work experience, educational background, and dedication to the standards in our profession will support our efforts to provide a professional, safe, and enjoyable facility," said Dr. Brown. "She brings enthusiasm and a love for MSU which will be a tremendous asset to the opening of our new facility and wellness program."

The Center is an all-adult facility, and students may join at no additional charge. All faculty and staff members are eligible for membership at a predetermined charge based on salary. Spouses and retirees pay \$60 per year.

"After an assessment, each member will receive an exercise prescription that is based on that assessment score, previous experience, and health goals," explained Dr. Brown. "We are unique in that every one who works out will be assessed and given a program." For those already in an exercise program, the staff will offer suggestions to help each person reach his or her goals.

There are incentives to encourage everyone to strive for a healthy lifestyle. The University has established an Employee Wellness Incentive Program that includes placing dollars in a Flexible Spending Account for employees who improve on the second annual assessment test, and paying half of the next annual membership fee for participating in the Wellness Center on a regular basis for 10 days during the year.



Dr. Dayna Brown



Jane Kelly

In the planning stage since 1990, the new wellness facility houses an exercise area which accommodates up to 35 individuals at one time, an assessment lab, a conference room, and three offices. Equipment available includes 1 Trotter selectorized strength training stations, treadmills, stair climbers, semi-recumbent bikes, Concept II rowers, transport, and

Biodex. Graduate assistants will assist individuals with their programs free of charge.

Phase II of the Wellness Center is scheduled for completion in early summer of 1997. Included in this phase will be a covered walking track, tennis courts, aerobic room, and an activities classroom.



Bob Howerton, planned giving officer

Making a Will— The Key to Good Estate Planning

It is a fact that as many as 50 percent of all adult Americans don't have a will. Many others fail to keep their wills up to date. Some never write a will because they feel their estate (what they own) is too small, or they feel the matter is taken care of through joint ownership; others put it off because they don't know how to get started.

No matter what the reason, everyone should have a will. Without one, the courts can decide everything for you—from property settlement to child custody. Without a will, your possessions will be allotted by state law. Distribution will be arbitrary, based on legal formulas. Little consideration will be given to age, health, financial need, or special circumstances. Only you can truly decide where your properties go, and that is through your will.

Let's get started

First, make a list of everything you own, such as bank accounts, real estate, personal property, investment, insurance policies, jewelry, art work, etc. Next, add detail to the list, such as how much each item is worth, when purchased, and where it is located. Second, list the people, organizations, and causes that mean the most to you, such as your spouse, children, grandchildren, your church, or Morehead State University. Third, divide your possessions among those on the second list, using percentages rather than dollar amounts.

Fourth, name the person or persons who will carry out your wishes (called your executor, or personal representative) who can be a relative, friend, attorney, or bank official. It is wise to name an alternate person, in case your first choice is unable to serve.

You are now ready to complete your will by contacting an attorney to put your wishes on paper. It is usually a simple process, and legal consultants are reasonably priced with far less cost to your heirs than if there were no will. Your will stands until you change it either by rewriting it or by an amendment called a codicil.

Remembering Morehead State

Institutions you have helped during your lifetime, such as MSU, will miss you when you're gone. However, through your will you can continue to be a part of our important future.

Family responsibilities may have hindered your participation in our work to the extent you would have desired. By making a bequest, you will be able to play a greater part in helping educate Eastern Kentucky's youth.

The MSU Foundation, Inc. has received many bequests from thoughtful people who are alumni, retired faculty or administrators, or other friends of the University. These donors all have told us of their love of the school, the benefits they or their families received by virtue of their education here, or the desire to make sure worthy young people have the benefits of a college education. Their bequests are simply a continuation of the moral or financial support they have given all their lives.

You can make a bequest

You can leave a specific dollar amount or set aside a fixed percentage of your estate to Morehead State University or leave Morehead State the residue of your estate after other desires are covered in your will.

Often our supporters find, after reviewing their possessions, that there are new ways of giving, such as securities or properties that have increased in value, or insurance or retirement plan proceeds that can make a gift possible to help meet Morehead State's many needs.

You may also find that estate taxes can be eliminated, or greatly reduced, by a charitable gift deduction. Your financial advisor can help you decide if this is the case.

Act now. Don't continue to put off the making or updating of your will. Your family depends on you for good estate planning. A will might make sure of a greater increase in what you do for them and for the good works in our society that you want to support, such as MSU.

Simple Bequest Language

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RESIDUE—"All the residue of my estate including real and personal property I give, devise and bequeath to Morehead State University Foundation, Inc., in Morehead, Kentucky."

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Should you feel we can help, just call or write. Our conversation will be strictly confidential and without obligation. We have lots of information on the topics of wills and estate planning. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Call 606-783-2033 or toll-free 1-800-833-4483.

HOMECOMING



Above right Six alumni were inducted as members of the Athletic Hall of Fame. Accepting the honors were, from left, Eddie Mudd of Louisville, golf; Jim Day of Ashland, basketball; Don Russell of Louisville, football; Sue Caulkins Sharp of Macedon, N.Y., volleyball; Walter Carr of Morehead who accepted the award for the late Glendon Stanley of Florida, a former football player; and Jim Brockman of Morehead, baseball.

Right Current and former faculty members enjoyed touring the newly-renovated Lappin Hall. On hand for the Open House were, from left, Dr. Howard Setser, professor of biology; Allen Lake and Woodrow W. Barber, associate professors emeriti of biology; and Dr. Gerald DeMoss, dean of the College of Science and Technology.

Below right President Ronald G. Eaglin, left, chatted with Gregory O'Bannon ('78) of Carlisle, Percy Metcalf ('78) of Louisville, and Reginald Daniel, faculty member in MSU's Department of Military Science, at the Minority Reception at his home. In the background is Dr. Lemuel Berry, dean of the Caudill College of Humanities, and his wife.

Below Alumni came from near and far to share a laugh and remember the "good old days." Reharsing at the Welcome Reception were, from left, Vivian and Andy Anderson ('39) of Lexington and Lawrence Carter ('38) of Vero Beach, Fla.



'96

—A Picture Story

by Pauline Young
Photos by Tim Holbrook

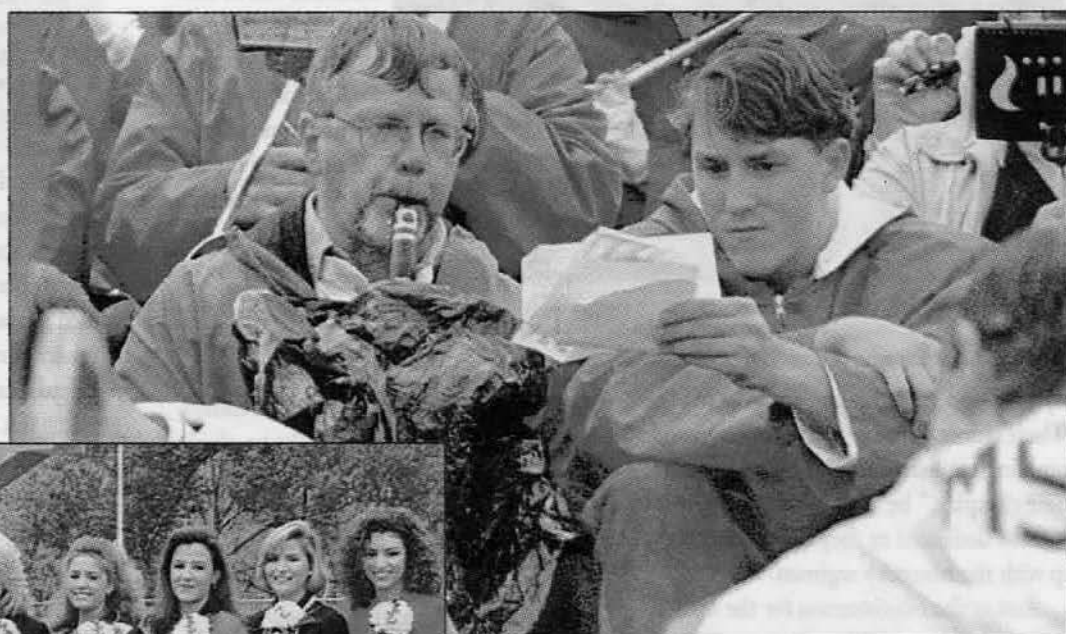
While the sky was filled with dark clouds and intermittent rain showers made umbrellas a must, Morehead State University's alumni and friends didn't seem to mind. They returned to campus in numbers for their yearly dose of fun and fellowship and an all-around good time during Homecoming '96.

Highlights of the weekend included some Greek organizations celebrating 25th anniversaries, several departments holding reunions, the annual faculty/staff continental breakfast, Homecoming Brunch and Fish Fry, the traditional crowning of the Homecoming Queen, and induction of new members into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

This year, however, will be remembered by the Eagle mascot; it's the year it got its name.



After being a part of the University's heritage for nearly 30 years, the Eagle mascot finally got a name. The Eagle has been named "Beaker," a name selected by popular vote of the students. After the announcement, Beaker showed his appreciation.



Above And the Alumni Band played on in the rain at the football game. Gene Hemminger of Coshocton, Ohio, enlisted help with his music from Brandon "B.J." Richards, MSU freshman also from Coshocton.



Left Heather Cripple of Ashland was crowned the 1996 Homecoming Queen. Following the ceremony, the queen and her court posed for the official photo. They are, from left, Carrie Heringer of Alexandria, Molly Jo Caldwell of Dry Ridge, Christy Leavitt of Pendleton, Ind., Kristin Joy Back of Flatwoods, Shae Charlene Dennee' Whitt of Flatwoods, Cherie Fletcher of Raceland, Queen Cripple, Rebecca Craft of Morehead, Melanie De'Ann Coleman of Mouthcard, Candace Ann Gilbert of Stanton, Anne DeVary of Lexington, and Pam Perry of Morehead.

MISCELLANY

Myron Doan writes official cheer coaches' manual

Normally when we think of athletes, we do not include cheerleaders. But the time, training, and athletic ability required of this group rivals other sports. Not only do they provide enthusiasm for the team they support, but they themselves must engage in competition at the state, regional, and national levels.

Each year cheerleading gets more competitive and more demanding, according to

the official cheer coaches' manual. The publication includes information on safety, legal responsibilities, performer readiness, competition, and nutritional safety. Because techniques change so rapidly, he is already planning for the first revision in 1997.

Of MSU's three cheerleading squads, Doan is direct supervisor and coach for the co-ed varsity squad which cheers for football and men's basketball, and the Lady Eagle varsity squad which cheers for women's basketball games. He also works closely with a

graduate assistant who coaches the all-girl cheer squad which performs at men's basketball games.

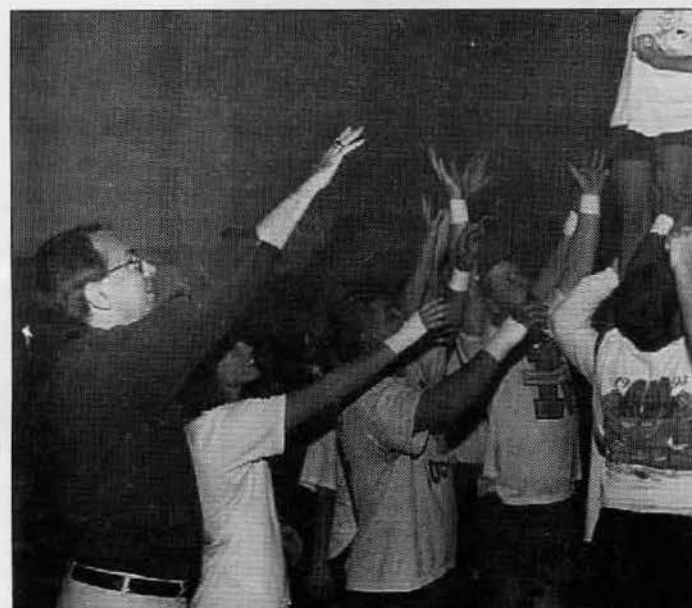
Being a cheerleader means being willing to make sacrifices for the good of the squad, Doan said. "They must go to classes like other students, but in addition they attend practice three times a week and perform at athletic events, some of which occur during the time when other students are on break."

Doan is concerned that some still have the misconception that being selected a cheer-

leader is a "popularity" contest. In today's competitions, participants must be physically fit and self-disciplined and demonstrate athletic ability. In addition, because they are ambassadors for the University, they must be poised and articulate and project a positive appearance and image.

MSU's cheerleaders are in practice almost all year. There's tryouts in April, summer practice in May, and then camp in August. When school starts, so do the 10 hours a week of practice to get ready for football and basketball season. Whether or not they get a spring break or a winter holiday depends on the University's athletic schedule.

As the squad prepares for this year's competition, it will do so under the pressure of being the winners of the National College Cheerleading Championship. In fact, MSU



Myron Doan, left, dean of students, has been coaching MSU cheer leaders for more than 15 years.

Myron Doan, cheerleading coach at MSU. "There's more emphasis on gymnastics and tumbling requirements and the routines get more complex," he said. "The participants must be dedicated or they could never keep up with the necessary regimen."

And as the requirements for the squads change, there are additional responsibilities for the coach. He or she must be knowledgeable of the safety standards and cheer programs as approved by the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) and the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisers (AACCA).

But Doan is sharing the knowledge he has learned in the more than 15 years he has been coaching MSU's squad. Last year he prepared and edited "The Collegiate Cheerleader," which has been endorsed by UCA as



MSU'S VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

MSU has announced the varsity cheerleaders for this academic year. They are, front row from left, Katie-Rebecca Mulvihill, Chicopee, Mass., freshman; Carrie Cohen, Cincinnati, Ohio, senior; Sharon Bolt, Morehead junior; and Shauna Brown, Vine Grove freshman. Second row from left, Mark McTague, Horsham, Pa., graduate student; Mandy Cadd, St. Albans, W. Va., junior; Promise Herman, Centerville, Ohio, sophomore; Shay Whitehead, Lexington junior; Ramona Justice, Pikeville junior; Raymie Methvin, Genoa, Ohio, freshman; and Adam Springer, Castalia, Ohio, senior. Back row from left, Erich Nelson, Woodville, Ala., senior; David Howell, Dayton, Ohio, junior; Craig Monte, Canton, Mich., senior; Andy Bean, Parkersburg, W. Va., freshman; Bryan Bowling, Pikeville junior; Dan Quick, Dayton, Ohio, senior; and Christian Galeski, New Bern, N.C., junior.

has won the national title in Division I for the sixth consecutive year, it seventh in nine appearances. Qualifying rounds were held in November for the 1997 competition scheduled for Jan. 11 in Orlando. MSU's co-ed varsity cheerleaders and the all-girl squad placed first in the preliminary round. Also placing in qualifying rounds were three partner stunt duos. [Editor's note: MSU's varsity cheerleaders placed first in the competition for the 7th consecutive year.]

Doan is quick to stress that being national winners is not the ultimate goal. "I just want them to have fun and enjoy the experience," he said. "When we go to competition, the only thing I ask is that they do the best they can do."

But he is pleased that the hard work of the varsity cheerleaders did not go unnoticed this year. The team was profiled in the August 1996 edition of "American Cheerleader," complete with photo and comments by one of the members.

On a full-time basis, Doan is MSU's dean of students, responsible for the implementation and supervision of the Student

Conduct Code. He came to the University in 1972 and has held positions as assistant manager of WMKY Radio and assistant dean of students. A native of Falmouth, he earned B.M.E. and M.M. degrees from MSU and was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Rho national broadcasting society, and Phi Kappa Phi and Gamma Beta Phi honor societies.

New agreement with Ramey-Estep Homes

Officials from MSU and the Ramey-Estep Homes, Inc. have signed a professional training agreement providing for the sharing of resources and expertise. The Ramey-Estep Homes, a private, not-for-profit treatment program for troubled adolescent males, will serve as a student teacher site as well as a learning environment for field experiences and practicums in a variety of disciplines for MSU students. In return, MSU will provide appropriate consultant services to the homes, keep the agency informed of professional development opportunities for its staff, and



With the Ramey Home as a backdrop, President Ronald G. Eaglin and Rocky M. Hall, executive director of the Ramey-Estep Homes, signed an agreement providing for the sharing of resources and expertise between the two entities. Hall is a two-time graduate of MSU.

"Undergraduate and graduate students in counseling, elementary and secondary education, health, physical education and recreation, sociology and social work programs will have the opportunity to work with and observe the staff of the Ramey-Estep Homes," said Dr. Harty. "The agreement allows us to offer our students a different learning experience."

Dr. Marc D. Glasser, dean of Graduate and

Extended Campus Programs, noted that the Ramey-Estep Homes are well-known in the region for providing a supportive environment to troubled youths and helping them to be successful. "We are pleased to become a contributing partner to the efforts," Dr. Glasser said. "The Ramey-Estep Homes have a dedicated staff whose practices will be good models for our students."

The Ramey-Estep Homes currently serve 77 males, who range in age from 12 to 21, and offer an on-site school program as part of the Boyd County School System.

Shute receives two awards

MSU has recently won two awards in graphic design.

MSU won a first place award from the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) Great Lakes region for 1996-97. Taking top honors in the judging was a multi-color poster of the Student Government Association and Student Activities Council "Spring Calendar of Events."

The "1996 Appalachian Celebration" poster won a second place award in the Kentucky Festivals Association competition in division II, three-colors-or-more category.

The winning entries were designed by

Dan Shute, MSU's graphic designer. Shute, who joined the staff in early 1995, is responsible for designing publications for all areas of the University. He has done freelance work, including layout and three-dimensional presentations, for a number of organizations. Earlier this year, he won an Award of Excellence from District III of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for redesigning a newsletter. A graduate of Marshall University, Shute is a native of South Point, Ohio.

Dr. Modaff receives National Media Award

An MSU faculty member has received national recognition for his work at WMKY, listener supported public radio from the MSU campus.

Dr. John Vincent Modaff, associate professor of speech and communications, was awarded Best News/Commentary in the radio division of the American Legion Auxiliary's 1996 "Heart of America" National Media Awards.

His commentary, "Why not install a B-chip," which aired originally on WMKY in March 1996, dealt with the absurdity of various state and federal laws and the need for what he called a "b-chip." The brain chip, according to Dr. Modaff, could provide much-needed common sense in humans and would be a technological improvement over

the v-chip. The v-chip, now required in the manufacture of TV sets, assists parents in protecting children from programming they deem objectionable by providing the option to block the availability of certain channels. "Heart of America" judges cited Dr. Modaff's grasp of the issues in making the award.

The "Heart of America" awards are designed to recognize "exceptional journalistic work which combines creativity with integrity," according to the American Legion Auxiliary.

Tom Lewis, WMKY news director, said Dr. Modaff's work is an asset to the station, noting that his commentaries have aired for more than 255 consecutive weeks on the station. "Many of our listeners look forward to John's commentaries," Lewis said, noting that Dr. Modaff is one of several regular volunteer commentators who donate their time and talent to the station.

Pleased with the recognition, Dr. Modaff said, "The generous support of WMKY listeners makes a great honor like this possible." Dr. Modaff joins journalists from ABC News, the San Francisco Examiner, Glamour Magazine, and the Richmond Times-Dispatch in receiving the awards this year. Past recipients include journalists from Life Magazine, Newsweek, Family Circle, and National Public Radio.



OFFICERS ELECTED DURING FAMILY WEEKEND

MSU's Family Association installed new officers during the University's annual Family Weekend. Selected to serve a one-year term were, from left, Wayne and Karen Heringer of Alexandria, co-presidents elect, and Sue and Gene Caudill of Morehead, co-presidents for 1996-97. Installing the two couples was Al Evans of Morehead, who, along with his wife Kay, is outgoing co-president.



MSU PROMOTES UNITY

MSU hosted a "Unity Celebration" to promote an understanding and appreciation of diversity. Activities for the all-day event included an address by the Rev. Sharon Fields, minority student affairs director at Midway College. Discussions of the movies "And the Band Played On" and "Higher Learning," student readings, discussion groups, and storytelling were highlights of the day. The Rev. Fields, right, talked with Mike Mincey, MSU's vice president for student life, during the celebration.

WMKY 1996 membership campaign reaches new levels

WMKY 90.3 FM, listener-supported public radio from Morehead State University, ended its 1996 membership campaign with the largest cash total in the station's history

thanks to the support of its listeners. During the 11-day campaign, listeners phoned in pledges, mailed contributions, volunteered to answer phones, and served as on-air guests.

"Listener support is more important than ever to WMKY," said Bill Redwine, MSU's director of alumni relations and develop-

ment. "Because of changes in the federal funding program for public radio, we need to show that we are serving Northeast Kentucky to qualify for our grants. Listener contributions are one way we can demonstrate community support for our programming."

For those who missed the on-air campaign, it's not too late to make a contribution, according to Angela Mullins, MSU's regional development officer who coordinated WMKY's campaign. "Make your check payable to the MSU Foundation and note that your gift is for the WMKY Fund," she said.

Checks may be sent to the WMKY Fund, Morehead State University, Palmer Development House, 150 University Boulevard, Morehead, KY 40351.

MSU grad inducted into Cincinnati Basketball Hall of Fame

Donna Murphy, former Lady Eagle basketball standout, was inducted into the Greater Cincinnati Basketball Hall of Fame on Oct. 22.

Murphy, the 1976 Miss Kentucky Basketball honoree and Kentucky High School Athletic Hall of Famer, will find a home in Cincinnati's Hall of Fame for her outstanding performance at Newport High School, Morehead State University, and in the women's professional league. A native of Newport, Murphy is currently student coordinator at Lexington Community College in Lexington, Ky.

"It was a true surprise to me because I wasn't even aware it was happening," said Murphy, the only female inductee. "I was really honored when I heard who some of the other inductees were." They included Adrian Smith, Oscar Robertson, Jerry Lucas, Dave Cowens, and Jack Twyman.

Fall enrollment figures

MSU reported a nearly 12 percent increase in new freshmen for fall 1996. First

time freshmen this fall total 1,275 compared with 1,140 for fall 1995, according to figures from the Office of Enrollment Management. The figure does not include 56 freshmen who began their college careers at the University during the 1996 summer sessions.

Preliminary headcount figures show 8,217 students enrolled at this time as compared with a final total of 8,454 last fall, based on early figures from the Registrar.

"Obviously we are pleased with the healthy increase in new freshmen," said Dr. John C. Philley, executive vice president for academic affairs. "We are also seeing an increase in out-of-state students with 10.7 percent of the overall enrollment being from other states as compared with about a 9 percent mix last fall. Eighteen percent of our new freshmen are from out of state."

Off-campus headcount enrollment increased by 69 students with 2,069 students taking classes at the extended campus centers and other regional sites. Some of the increase, according to Dr. Philley, could be a result of the 20 distance learning classes offered by MSU throughout the region.

A breakdown of off-campus headcount enrollment follows with the final fall 1995 figure in parentheses:

Ashland Area Extended Campus Center	478 (455)
Big Sandy Extended Campus Center	728 (622)
Licking Valley Extended Campus Center	428 (412)
Pikeville	196 (283)
Jackson	90 (70)
Whitesburg	51 (27)
Mt. Sterling	39 (62)
Maysville	42 (46)
Salersville	6 (NA)
Hi Hat	11 (NA)

The Big Sandy Center reached a milestone in duplicated headcount (students taking more than one course) with 1,048 students, marking the first time the center exceeded 1,000 enrollments.

Housing exceeded its budget projection by 90 students for a total of 2,954 students in campus housing. Occupancy is at 85.3 percent as compared with 81.6 for last fall. Family housing is at capacity with a waiting list, according to Mike Mincey, MSU vice president for student life.



During the fund drive, Janean Freeman, WMKY classical music announcer, was joined by MSU alumnus Steve O'Connor of West Liberty, county attorney for Morgan County.

Reappointments to the Board of Trustees at the MSU Foundation, Inc.

Sandy Hook banker B. Proctor Caudill, Jr. has been reelected chair of the Board of Trustees of the Morehead State University Foundation, Inc. Caudill is chief executive officer of the Peoples Bank of Sandy Hook. Returning as vice chair is Wayne M. Martin, president and general manager of WKYT-TV in Lexington. Lisa Browning of the Mt. Sterling Chamber of Commerce was reelected treasurer and retired high school teacher Merl F. Allen was renamed secretary. Keith Kappes, MSU vice president for university advancement, is the Foundation's chief executive officer.

Reappointed to three-year terms on the Board of Trustees were Arye E. Dethmers of Western Springs, Ill., Dennis T. Dorton of Paintsville, Terry W. Ensor of Morehead, Larry H. Fannin of Morehead, Terry S. Jacobs of Cincinnati and Nancy D. Mangrum of Lexington. Dethmers is a retired executive with S.C. Johnson Co. Dorton is CEO of Citizens National Bank in Paintsville and Ensor holds the same position with Morehead National Bank. Fannin is president of a General Motors auto dealership. Jacobs is CEO of Regent Communications, Inc. and Mangrum

is a staff member at UK.

Reappointed chairs of the Foundation's standing committees were Ensor, finance; Marcheta Blackburn of Pikeville, audit; J.T. Holbrook of Lexington, communications/special projects; and James P. Pruitt of Pikeville, nominating. Caudill chairs the board's executive committee. Blackburn is vice president of Kentucky National Bank. Holbrook is executive vice president of Bluegrass Mortgage, Inc. and Pruitt is an attorney.

Incorporated in 1979 as a non-profit Kentucky corporation, the MSU Foundation receives and administers the University's private gift assets. The Foundation is a tax-exempt corporation organized for educational, charitable or cultural purposes under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation is governed by a 25-member Board of Trustees, including 21 citizens and four MSU administrators.

Taylor appointed to AAFCS group

Carolyn D. Taylor, associate professor of human sciences, recently was appointed to the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)/Marriott Initiative Working Group.

"This unprecedented public engagement

campaign will focus on the importance of the first three years of a child's life," Taylor said.

The group, sponsored by the AAFCS, Marriott, and the Family and Work Institute, is designed "to help and inform families, to build the capacities of the organizations and agencies that serve young children, and to bring about change through public education and community mobilization activities."

A Kentucky Association of Family and Consumer Sciences early childhood representative, Taylor has served as the Kentucky voting delegate with the AAFCS for several years and has been involved in the organization since 1977. She was a voting delegate when the organization's name was changed from the American Home Economics Association to its present name. Taylor was instrumental in implementing the Nanny Certification Program at MSU as well as other courses in child development and has authored several works on the subjects. She is a graduate of Glenville State College and MSU and has worked on doctoral studies in the area of educational administration/child development from West Virginia University.

MSU's Institute for Correctional Research and Training broadens its mission

MSU's Institute for Correctional Research and Training (ICRT) is broadening its mission while continuing to provide training services to organizations in the field of corrections.

"Since the ICRT began, MSU has been assisting the region in educating personnel in area prisons with problems dealing with corrections," said Dr. Roberto Hugh Potter, who joined the University's staff as director of the institute in August.

"With the expertise of our faculty members, we now will offer prevention along with corrections for juveniles and adults. We want to assist organizations in the area in addressing problems which they are capable of solving." Prevention includes a wide range of settings besides crime; prevention of harassment, assault, and bullying are also included, he added.

One of the best ways of addressing the

situation is to offer preventive measures as early as possible, Dr. Potter said, citing the workplace, educational settings, and court systems as areas where precautions need to be put in place.

Housed within MSU's Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminology, the ICRT serves as a resource for justice-related organizations by providing practical solutions to identified needs. "We are client-focused," Dr. Potter said. "Once a problem has been identified, we will then develop a needs assessment and offer technical assistance and training to establish a workable solution." The staff will assist in grant writing and outline a means of measuring outcomes based on cost-effectiveness and efficiency.

Dr. Potter, who has more than 15 years experience in the planning and evaluation of applied prevention and corrections programs, came to MSU from the University of New England in Australia, where he was coordinator of the graduate diploma in criminology and a lecturer in sociology for the past six years. He is a former director of evaluation and research and information systems for Families First, a child service and family counseling center in Atlanta. A Florida native, Dr. Potter earned his Ph.D. degree in sociology with emphasis in deviance/criminology, social psychology, and organizations from the University of Florida at Gainesville. He received his M.A. degree from UF in sociology and a B.A. degree in sociology and psychology from University of South Florida at Tampa.

A prolific writer, Dr. Potter has had works published in professional journals and magazines as well as refereed journals. A frequent program presenter at conferences in the U.S. as well as Australia, he also has taught at Clayton State College, Emory University, St. Leo College, DeKalb College, and UF.

Besides his specialty in the areas of community and alternative corrections, Dr. Potter has an international reputation in victimology and crimes in educational institutions. His training background includes uses of evaluation research techniques as they relate to management of organizations in the corrections area, especially non-profits.

Dr. Potter's interest in the field began



LEARNING THE ROPES

State Senator Robert Stivers of Manchester joked with two unidentified MSU students recently when the newly-elected legislator toured campus at the invitation of President Ronald G. Eaglin. Stivers, center, is shown visiting a chemistry laboratory in Lappin Hall. At left is Dr. Eaglin and second from left is Porter Dailey, vice president for administration and fiscal services. His sister, Dr. Mary E. Stivers, is an MSU alumnus and a faculty member at Middle Tennessee State University.



Dr. Hugh Potter



Admissions staff includes, front row from left, Lora Hardwick, coordinator of retention; Sandy Barker, assistant director of recruiting activities, and Dr. Beverly McCormick, assistant vice president for enrollment management. Back row from left, Mike Pennington, admissions counselor and coordinator of the Financial Aid Early Estimator Program; Alene McGuire, assistant director for office operations; Michelle Patrick, assistant director of telecounseling, and Dan Cornett, director of admissions.

while he was a graduate student, working on a project that allowed him to mix theory with problem solving. He sees the ICRT as offering MSU students the unique opportunity of training in theory and technical support. "We can help the community while maintaining a solid academic standing," he said.

Joining Dr. Potter in work with the institute will be three new assistant professors in the department: Dr. Paul J. Becker, whose experience has been in the juvenile and probation field, and who has done research in community corrections, gangs, and hate groups, sentencing, crime in cyberspace, and corporate crime; Dr. Nancy Hogan who has more than 13 years of experience in probation and parole, prisons, substance abuse, and traffic safety, and who has given training programs in such areas as HIV/AIDS policy and program development, use of force by corrections officers, and ethics in corrections; and Dr. Rebecca

Katz who has more than a decade of experience as a practicing therapist in the areas of substance abuse, mental illness, sex offenders, and survivors of sexual abuse, and whose research has centered on delinquency prevention, substance abuse, and women's corrections. She is a member of the Juvenile Services Review Board for Southeastern Kentucky.

The University's ICRT was established in 1990 through appropriations by the general assembly.

Office of Admissions hones recruitment

Enrollment of first-time freshmen is up 12 percent this fall semester over last year, and University personnel are attributing it to changes in the Office of Admissions.

"The changes have brought a lot of excitement and hard work," said Dr. Beverly McCormick, assistant vice president for

enrollment management. She added that the office will continue making improvements where needed.

Everyone on campus is being affected, according to Dan Cornett, director of admissions. "We've involved the whole campus community."

A majority of the changes have taken place in the area of recruitment. A new software system, the Enrollment Management Action System (EMAS), has been put to use to establish a more personal series of communications with prospective students. The communication with the student takes places over an approximately 90-day period and includes phone contact from student telecounselors, personal correspondence, and printed materials. Much of the recruiting is directed by Sandy Barker, assistant director of recruiting activities, and Michelle Patrick, assistant director of telecounseling. The day-to-day office work is being guided by Alene McGuire, assistant director for office operations.

Improving contact with potential students also involved making changes in the Search and Viewbook, brochures used to provide information to interested students. According to Dr. McCormick, the two brochures focus more on the important benefits of MSU, such as the personal atmosphere, the broad range of academic study, the many campus activities, and the beautiful campus.

Other programs used in personalizing the recruitment process include the Eagle Experts, which allows potential students and their families to tour the campus with a student guide; the Red Carpet Society, where potential students stay overnight in residence halls with host students while visiting campus; and family interview rooms, where admissions advisors can talk to students and their families without distractions.

To further assist prospective students, MSU has added the Financial Aid Early Estimator Program. Coordinated by Michael Pennington, this program will calculate the amount of financial aid for which a student might be eligible. Other programs have been implemented to assist in recruiting transfer and out-of-state students. This year, the University initiated a Dual Acceptance Program to make the

transition from community colleges to MSU easier. Recruitment of out-of-state students is enhanced with the Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG).

There has also been a focus on retention of current students. "This is the first time ever we've had a unit to focus on retention," Dr. McCormick said. Lora Hardwick has been named coordinator for retention. During their first semester, students are required to take MSU 101, which covers basic points of college life from library use to time management to campus activities. Upperclassmen serve as peer advisors in the class. This program, along with the telecounselors, the Red Carpet Society, and the Eagle Express, all of which utilize current students, provides a link which helps keep students at MSU.

Admissions counselors are Angela Foster, Kristie Hicks, Shellie Jones, Glenda Woods, and Pennington.

Anyone interested in checking out MSU's Office of Admissions may call 606-783-2000 or 1-800-585-6781. The office is located in 306 Howell-McDowell Administration Building.

Jerry Gore receives 1996 Peace Award

Minority Student Affairs Director Jerry Gore was the recipient of the 1996 Peace Award, given annually by the Christian Appalachian Project since 1993 in honor of the mission of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The award is given to people and groups who strive for justice and equality and who work to promote a spirit of understanding among people of all races. The award also carries a grant of \$5,000, which Gore planned to use toward the completion of a book about the pictorial history of Maysville's blacks, on which he is collaborating with Dr. Stuart S. Sprague, MSU professor emeritus of history.

Gore, a native of Maysville, is a three-time graduate of MSU.

Hamilton elected chair of Kentucky Appalachian Advisory Committee

The Kentucky Appalachian Advisory Council has elected Shirley Hamilton, director of community development and continuing education at MSU, as its chair.

"I believe the Council can play a major role in identifying areas of need and concern in Eastern Kentucky and develop workable strategies for their resolution," Hamilton said. She will serve a two-year term as chair of the Advisory Council and be eligible for additional terms.



Shirley Hamilton

Hamilton has long been involved in the development of Eastern Kentucky. She is a board member of the East Kentucky Leadership Foundation, East Kentucky Corporation, and East Kentucky Women in Leadership, and a former member of the Kentucky Appalachian Foundation Quality of Life Task Force and Kentucky Heritage Foundation.

A staff member at MSU for 18 years, Hamilton has focused on training and continuing education in the region. She is chair of the Kentucky University and College Continuing Education Council and Morehead Rowan County Development Commission and local planning commission, and a member of the Adult Basic Education/Literacy Advisory Board and Morehead Women's Club. A native of Greenup County, Hamilton graduated from Raceland High School and received her bachelor's and master's degrees from MSU. She and her husband Steve, MSU's director of athletics, have four adult children.

MSU police force accredited Meets standards of chiefs' association

by Madelynn Coldiron
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The Morehead State University Police Department has become the 16th law enforcement agency in Kentucky to be accredited by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police.

The MSU department is believed to be the first police agency of any kind in Eastern Kentucky to receive the accreditation, said Lou Nugent, accreditation committee chairman and chief of police in Prospect.

"They have a very good record—it's a very big honor for them and us," he said.

Two other university police departments—Western Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky—are among those in Kentucky to share the distinction. The program was established six years ago, but many law enforcement agencies hesitate to apply because of the time it takes to prepare for the evaluation, Nugent said.

About 150 standards must be met, dealing with all aspects of law enforcement, including training, equipment, evidence handling, policies and procedures. The paperwork documenting the department's performance is then checked by an on-site verification team from the association. The rating is good for five years.

"We're pretty proud of it," said MSU Public Safety Manager Richard Green, who has headed the department for the past 6 1/2 years. Officer Reda Harris, an 11-year veteran, served as the accreditation manager.

"We're a small department and in my opinion, the smaller the department, the harder it is" to meet the standards, Green said.

MSU's force consists of 12 sworn police officers, two part-time non-sworn officers, five dispatchers and a secretary.

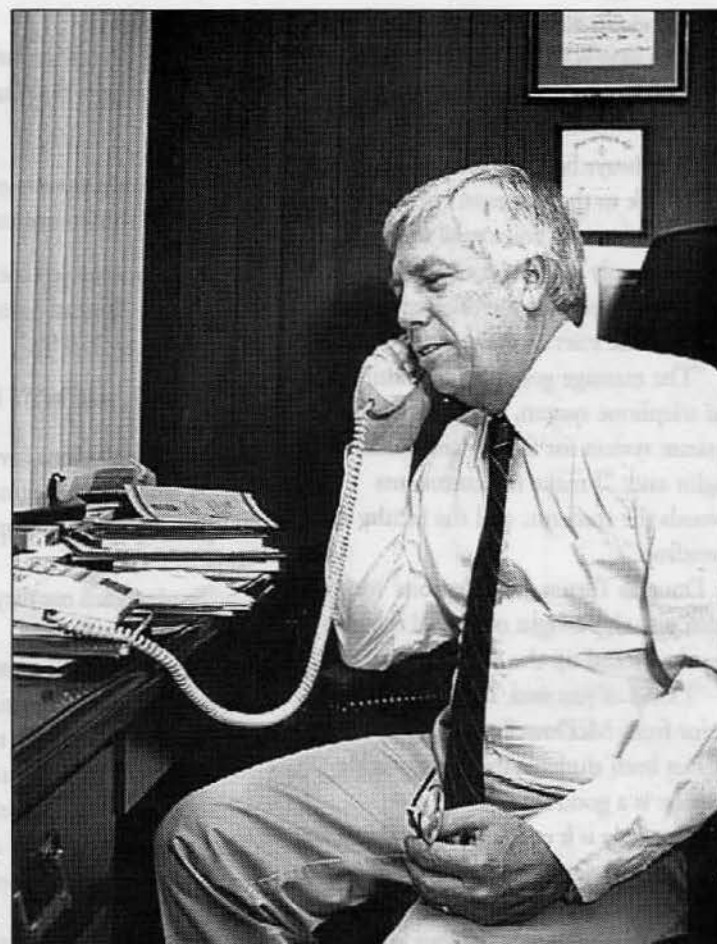
Green said one of the benefits of the accreditation is that "it helps you in a court setting. It helps give you credibility." It will also provide a more tangible benefit by reducing the department's liability insurance by at least 10 percent, Green said.

Nugent said for a university police department, the accreditation is significant "because the university environment is very used to the word 'accreditation.' It's another step toward professionalization of the entire university community."

Calling all students Eaglin uses voice mail to reach MSU

by Sean Kelly
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It was the last voice Morehead State junior Danny Clemons expected to hear after another day of class.



President Eaglin believes in keeping the lines of communication open.

As he flopped down in his dorm room and checked his voice mail, he found that school wasn't out for the day . . . just yet.

On the other end of the line was the recorded voice of MSU President Ronald Eaglin; giving a little scholarly advice and inspiration.

"The first time I heard it, I was shocked," said Clemons, a junior who lives in West Mignon hall. "I didn't think President Eaglin was capable of doing something like that."

Students accessing their own voice mail system are introduced to a short, one-minute message from the president; with advice ranging from how to bounce back from a lousy test score to meeting new people on campus.

"I want you to do two things this week for you," Eaglin said in his week four message. "First, meet three new people either from class or maybe a club or organization. Secondly, when you see me on campus, wave. That way I'll know you got the message."

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MSU campus police officers help keep the campus safe

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The once-a-week telecast over the campus voice mail is Eaglin's attempt to break down the communication barrier with students.

"I've always been frustrated not being able to talk to the students," he said. He said before the voice mail message, about the only time he could talk to students as a whole was the orientation speech at the start of the year.

"The message goes over the entire campus telephone system, since there is no separate system for faculty and students," Eaglin said. "I make my comments towards the students, and the faculty can eavesdrop."

Douglas Turner, 22, Clemons' roommate, was also caught off-guard the first time he picked up the receiver.

"I kind of just said 'huh?'" said the senior from McDowell.

But both students think the weekly message is a good idea.

"Not only is it encouraging students, but it's also encouraging that the president of the University is taking time to show us that he cares for the students," Clemons said.

Eaglin writes the messages himself. Nothing too philosophical, he says, just the things students are most likely to encounter that week or for the long

scholastic haul.

Among his advice for those shell-shocked students that flunked this year's first test:

- Meet with the professor. "They are the best help on how to improve," he said.
- "Don't assume you are studying correctly," he adds. "Instead contact Academic Services at 3-2005."
- Talk with your MSU 101 instructor.

Eaglin also mentions several upcoming events, and always begins the message with congratulations on completing another week.

"Students tell me they look forward to what I say," Eaglin said.

He said his advice resulted in a student overload of MSU's tutoring program, which was mentioned in week two's message.

Eaglin is still weighing whether to allow students to respond to his message. That might be done by setting up a system to allow them to leave voice-mail messages for him.

That would be helpful, said Turner. "He is coming on a more personal level with the students, but we can't reply to the message," he said. "I think it would be better if we could reply."

GIFTS & GRANTS

Individual gifts and grants of at least \$10,000 included the following:

- \$426,612 from the Kentucky Community Service Commission for 1996-1997 MSU Corps;
- \$279,516 from the TENCO Private Industry Council for the 1996-97 MSU Two-Year Occupational Skills Training Program;
- \$203,505 from the U.S. Department of Education for Student Support Services, 1996-1997
- \$185,890 from Gateway Community Services Organization, Inc. for Head Start Program;
- \$150,000 in cleaning supplies from Gifts In Kind International for the Office of Physical Plant and Adron Doran University Center;
- \$149,900 from Kentucky Educational Television Authority, Inc. for 1996-97 KET GED-ON-TV;
- \$126,223 from the Kentucky Department of Education for the 1996-97 Kentucky Teacher Internship Program;
- \$108,061 from the Cabinet for Workforce Development for the 1996-97 MSU Adult Learning Center BASIC Grant Program;
- \$96,250 from Lucille Little toward pledge of \$175,000 for construction of campus bell tower;
- \$73,973 from Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative for scholarships;
- \$63,584 from the U.S. Department of Energy for Energy Conservation Measure;
- \$60,808 from Eastern Kentucky University for the 1996-97 MSU Training Resource Center;
- \$54,000 from the Cabinet for Workforce Development for 1996 Vocational Education Title II-C: Nursing and Allied Health Sciences;
- \$52,625 from the National Library of Medicine for the Health Sciences Information Data Link;
- \$47,000 from the National Collegiate Athletic Association for the 1996 MSU Summer Youth Sports Program;
- \$43,993 in programming support from anonymous donors for WMKY Radio;
- \$39,006 from Rhone-Merieux, Inc. for a project entitled "The Blood Level (Concentration) Bioequivalence of Praziquantel: The Comparison of the FDA Approved Canine Tablet Droncit® (NADA 111-789) with a new Generic Product (INAD 9247), METXT138";
- \$37,800 from the Kentucky Department of Education for the University Writing Project—1996 Outreach Training;
- \$37,800 from the Kentucky Department of Education for the University Writing Project—1996;
- \$35,000 from the Cabinet for Workforce Development for 1996 Vocational Education Title II-C: Industrial Education;
- \$34,724 from the University of Kentucky/Kentucky Small Business Development Center for Computer Literacy Training for the Small Business Community;

- \$33,294 from the Council on Higher Education for Environmental Learning Center;
- \$31,560 from the University of Kentucky Research Foundation for the 1996-97 UK Nurse Practitioner Program at Morehead State University;
- \$30,567 in computer-assisted design equipment from Lexmark International, Inc. for Department of Industrial Education and Technology;
- \$30,100 in livestock from James Arient for support of equine program;
- \$30,000 in livestock from Donna Hawkins for support of equine program;
- \$30,000 from the Cabinet for Workforce Development for 1996 Vocational Education Title II-C: Agricultural Sciences;
- \$24,620 from the Kentucky Real Estate Commission for the Real Estate Education Grant Program—1996-97;
- \$22,500 from the Cabinet for Workforce Development for 1996 Vocational Education Title II-C: Human Sciences;
- \$22,000 from the Cabinet for Workforce Development for the 1996-97 Teacher Education Enrichment Programs;
- \$21,432 from the Kentucky Department of Education for the 1996 Summer Food Service Program for NYSP;
- \$21,294 from the U.S. Department of Justice for COPS MORE;
- \$19,510 from the Cabinet for Workforce Development for the 1996 Vocational Education Title II-C: Administration;
- \$19,000 from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for JOVE Faculty Research Associate Program;
- \$18,500 from the cabinet for Workforce Development for 1996 Vocational Education Title II-C: Information Sciences;
- \$16,976 from the Council on Higher Education for Science and Math Alliance-Year 12;
- \$14,855 from the Kentucky Department of Education for the 1996 Summer Food Service Program for Upward Bound;
- \$12,500 from Citizens Bank of Morehead for unrestricted support;
- \$11,000 from the Council on Higher Education for KEYS to KERA (Year 3);
- \$10,404 from the Kentucky Department of Education for the 1996 Summer Foods Service Program for MOAR;
- \$10,070 from Pauline Marras for scholarship endowment;
- \$10,000 from the Kentucky Department of Education for the Language Arts Academic Village;
- \$10,000 from the Kentucky Department of Education for the Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) Birth to Primary Phase V Application.

Coming soon: *A Light To The Mountains:*

Morehead State University, 1887-1996
by Dr. Donald F. Flatt, Professor of History

Advance sales of the history of MSU will start this spring with the book's release set for early fall. Watch for details in the spring issue of STATEment!

"There's more to life than pushing a paint brush"

Debi Horton discovers a new world

BY REBECCA BAILEY



Debi Horton

"You know how when you're little, people ask you what you want to be when you grow up?" asked Debi Horton. "When I was in the third grade, an American Indian artist visited our class. I don't remember his name, but he did a painting with colored sand. Something went off in me, and I knew from that moment that I wanted to be an artist."

No one who knows Debi Horton could ever doubt that an artist is what she has become. A versatile and talented visual artist in the media of pencil, charcoal, acrylics, oil, watercolor, papier mache, and tile, she is in demand as a teacher and guest artist for workshops and residencies. Not only is she a gifted artist in the traditional sense, she is also an artist at storytelling, an artist at humor, and an artist in the living of her own life.

Now she has completed her first year as a student at Morehead State University. But none of it has been easy. "I had a horrible, horrible time in school," she recalled. Because of undiagnosed dyslexia, "I felt ignorant and backward. I couldn't do anything else the other kids could do, but I could do art." High school art teacher Elise Patrick

took an interest in Debi and made sure she stayed in school. "She was the only one who took an interest in me, except my mother, who kept at me with a big long stick," laughed Debi. "And I want you to write that."

Russell McClanahan, one of the charter Kentucky Heritage Artists, has provided her with much encouragement about her art work; she studied with him for four years. "I have supported myself since then as an artist," she said, then quickly added, "and I about starved!"

She moved to West Liberty (where she still resides) in 1984, and began working in elementary art for the Morgan County Board of Education. She has been artist in residence at all of the elementary schools in the county and at Woodsbend Boys' Camp, as well as in various schools in other nearby counties. She regularly conducts workshops for the local Foothills Artists and the Wolfe County Arts Association.

Yet many times she had been told, "You've GOT to go to college." She felt she could not, for she was basically unable to

read. But because of situations in both her professional and her personal life, she knew it was time for a change.

Because of her learning disability, the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation offered her a college education if she would go. "It was the challenge of a lifetime," she stated. "I

knew I'd be stupid not to go, but I was afraid."

She enrolled at MSU as a full-time student in the 1996 spring semester. She went to her first class on her 39th birthday. "I had convinced myself that I was on the road to success, then I walked into a classroom full of little teenagers with a professor 10 years younger than me. That was intimidating. I had to work hard to maintain my goal, but I made the Dean's list. My professors gave me that special attention that made it worthwhile."

The idea of taking English 101 (Composition I) filled her with trepidation. "I was very afraid of this," she said, yet the class provided her with a second epiphany.

"The first night," she said (at the Licking Valley Extended Campus Center in West Liberty), "the professor gave us a writing assignment about things in a book bag." She found when the class began to share their writing that she hadn't done at all what the other students had done. Instead of listing and describing the items in the book bag, she made up a story about them, which she felt

ashamed to read. "When I finished, the teacher, Marta Tones, stood up, pointed at me, and said, 'YOU are a writer!' Those words were powerful to me. They rang throughout my body for weeks."

Tones encouraged her to submit a narrative piece she had written for a class assignment to *Inscape*, MSU's student literary magazine. It was accepted, and went on to win second place in the creative nonfiction category.

In her English assignments as well as in the writing she continues to do on her own, Debi searches through her past and writes about the experiences of her family members, to preserve the stories. Many relate humorous instances involving her grandfather Levi Brandenburg and her own childhood in Lee County.

Debi and her husband Scott Horton have four sons in their family. Scott's son Will Raymer is 17; Debi's son Trevor Combs is 16; and their sons Luther and Dylan Horton are six and four, respectively. Despite her new role as a student, she remains active in her church and in the Foothills Artists, of which she is a board member.

Through the years, Debi has learned to deal with her dyslexia, which is a learning disorder defined as the impairment of the ability to read. "When I was 24 or 25, I saw a TV program on dyslexia, and I had all the symptoms"—Debi has difficulty distinguishing right from left, the words often jump off the page in paisley patterns, and she has a tendency to read things backwards. "I can read 'ambulance' perfectly!" she laughed. And that is how she has always coped, with her ready sense of humor. Her reading skills are now much improved. She's found that wearing sunglasses while reading helps, as does avoiding certain fonts and colored paper.

Debi Horton still doesn't know what she wants to be when she grows up, but she's excited about the future. "Going back to school has opened a new window to the whole world," she says. "I know now that there's more to life than pushing a paint brush."

CLASS NOTES

Clinton Hickman (54) retired in 1993 as an elementary principal/teacher in the Columbus Public Schools. His wife **Sara L. Hickman** who also attended MSU, is the owner of Residential Rental Business in Columbus, Ohio.

James E. Porter (61) is a high school teacher at Middletown City Schools in Ohio. His wife **Mary Frances Keibler Porter**, who also attended MSU, works part-time as a courier at First National Bank of SW Ohio.

Howard D. Bloss, Jr. (62) has accepted the superintendency with the Metropolitan School District of Shakamak, Jasonville, Ind. He most recently served as superintendent in the South Newton Community Schools.

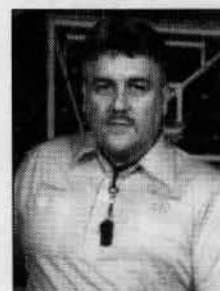
Pauline Pack Barker (64) received a master's degree from Miami University in Oxford. She is an assistant professor at Southwest Missouri State University. She and her husband **Lonnie** (54) reside in Springfield, Mo.



J. David Richardson

Suzanne Morgeson Gaddie (67) is a retired teacher from the Jefferson County Board of Education in Louisville, Ky.

Shannon Clarkson (68) is an assistant professor of education at Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn. Along with some 180 advisors and authors, she edited the "The Dictionary of Feminist Theologies."



Herston L. Stewart

Arlan Ashcraft (69) retired from teaching with the Oldham County Board of Education (Ky.) in 1991. He is currently employed by Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance at the home office in Louisville, as an Underwriter Trainee.

Ben Hicks, Jr. (69) has been named Regional Vice-President by CTB/McGraw-Hill Corporation.

Mary Ann Buddick Minnis (69) is the office manager for Netwave Corporation in Columbus, Ohio.

Wink Smith (69) works for the Tampa Ind. Dairy Association in Fla.

Gene Clark (70) is a technical support specialist for The Sygma Network of Ohio, Inc., in Columbus, Ohio. He and his wife **Lois J. Shaw Clark** (69) celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in August 1996.



Sandra Jeffcoat Britton

Sandra Jeffcoat Britton (70) is an English teacher for the high school and middle school at Lawrenceburg Community School Corp., in Lawrenceburg, Ind.



John R. Conover

John R. Conover (70) is presently completing his 22nd year with General Electric, (GE Aircraft Engines, Cincinnati, Ohio) and was recently promoted to Sr. Product Quality Engineer. He and his wife and daughter reside in Centerville, Ohio.

Paul T. Gibson (70) is assistant director in the division of youth service for the Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources in Frankfort, Ky.

John S. Weber (70) is the executive vice president and chief financial officer for First National Bank of Northern Kentucky.

Dr. Jerry W. Caudill, D.M.D. (71) received the Academy of General Dentistry's (AGD) prestigious fellowship award. He is currently the director of the department of dentistry for a British polyclinic in the Persian Gulf.

Nancy Kennedy Dillow (71) is a teacher for the Lewis County School Board in Vanceburg, Ky.

Marilyn Demendoza Conte (72) is a homemaker and retired buyer. She and her husband have a daughter.

William Pelfrey (72) is an assistant superintendent for human resources at Kenton County Schools in Erlanger, Ky.

Monte K. Snyder (72) is an attorney-at-law for Solo Practice in Ohio.

Dan Knipp (73) is the principal for Ponderosa Elementary in the Boyd County School System, in Catlettsburg, Ky. His wife **Marti**, who also attended MSU, is a legal secretary for Campbell, Woods, and Bagley in Ashland, Ky. They have three children.

J. Lowell Ashby (74) is the business division director at the Kentucky Baptist Convention (KBC) in Louisville, Ky.

James R. Baron (74), executive vice president of Bank One, has been promoted to area sales manager for Southwest Ohio. He and his wife **Jenny** (75) have three sons.

Linda Keiderling Bodycomb (74) is a freelance costume designer for Professional & Educational Theater. She and her husband have two children.

Chuck D. Charles (74) is the executive director for the Kings Daughters Health Foundation in Ashland, Ky. He is responsible for the daily operations of the foundation.

Stephen Kinney (74) is a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Lexington, Ky. He and his wife have two children.

Dr. Lucian Yates III (74) has been named as the assistant superintendent for Equity and Poverty Issues in the Jefferson County (Ky.) Public School System. His wife, **Vietta Bolden**, also attended MSU and they have one daughter.

Beggie Dale Reece (75) is a retired elementary principal from the Buchanan County Schools in Big Rock, Va.

Gary B. Scott (75) was named heavy products trader for Ashland Petroleum Company in the Product Supply and Marketing Group.

Patricia "Tish" Mack Matthews (76) is supervisor, employee assistance programs, for General Motors in Pontiac, Mich.

Stephen C. Scott (76) is a manufacturing manager for Frito-Lay in Louisville, Ky. He also retired from the Army in August 1995. His wife **Claudia Alexander Scott** (76) is a teacher in the Jefferson County Public Schools at Rangeland Elementary School. They have two children.

William F. Wilson (76) is a market analyst for Ashland Petroleum Company in the Product Supply and Marketing Group.

Beth Fullerton Christman (77) is a homemaker and PTA president at Sunset Elementary. She's a substitute/educational assistant in Issaquah, Washington.



Daragh L. Porter

Daragh L. Porter (77) has been named vice president, business analysis for Ashland Petroleum Company. Her responsibilities include directing the analysis of Ashland Petroleum Company business data, the coordination of new business analysis, and participation in the planning of business unit strategies.

James L. Hildreth (78), a Navy commander, recently reported for duty with Commander Second Fleet, Naval Station, Norfolk, Va.

Kate Hancock (79) has been named college editor/director of publications for Saint Mary's College. Her poetry collection, "The Lazarus Method," was recently published in the Wick Poetry Chapbook Series from Kent State University.



Dr. Randy Steele

Dr. Randy Steele (79) of Morehead, Ky. was installed as president of the Kentucky Optometric Association (K.O.A.) in April 1996. He maintains practices in Olive Hill, West Liberty and Morehead, Ky.

Debra Hinton (80) is a senior field representative for the Kentucky Division of Conservation in Stanford.

Bryan Channcey Mays (80) is a band leader for Canaveral Cruise Line out of Florida.

Major Stephen L. Rego (80) recently joined the United States Army Engineer Center, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., as the installation public affairs officer. Rego and his wife and two daughters live in Buckhor, Mo.

Joe A. Sagraves (80) is a market analyst for Ashland Petroleum Company in the Product

Supply and Marketing Group. He is an Ashland native and joined Ashland as a refinery sales representative.



Peggy Overly

Peggy Overly (81) has been named minority student affairs assistant director at MSU. She has been a staff member for more than 10 years.

James S. Hall (81) is an assistant director of bands/percussion at Marshall University. He and his wife **Larina Faye Hall**, who also attended MSU, have two daughters.

William R. Black (82) is a director, field marketing for Dunkin Donuts/Baskin-Robbins in Randolph, Mo. He and his wife **Tammy Fultz Black** (81) have three children and reside in Morehead, Ky.



William R. Black

Wade Bryan Dotson (74) started his own production company in 1994. He is the founder and Executive

Artistic Director of Bridge Theater Company in New York City.

Jennifer Sue Harrison (84) is in charge of membership and enrollment at Bluegrass Family Health which is a large health maintenance organization (HMO) insurance plan based in Lexington, Ky.

Connie Blankenship Crowe (85) works for the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet (State Government) as an environmental enforcement specialist. Her husband **Doug** (86) is a program coordinator for media services, video production for the Department of Education in Frankfort, Ky.

Jeffrey J. Gulley (85), a magistrate judge in Indianapolis, Ind., of Allen Superior Court attended the annual educational conference of the Judicial Conference of Indiana held in September. He was recently appointed to a two-year term on Domestic Violence, Rape and Sexual Harassment by the mayor in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Marsha Fields Haney (85) is the owner of the State Farm Insurance Agency in Mt. Sterling, Ky. Her husband **Greg** (85) is in sales at Dutch's Chevrolet, also in Mt. Sterling.

Harvey Thompson (86) is a certified public accountant. In his spare time he volunteers to help deserving children realize a wish through a non-profit organization named the "Dream Factory" in Lexington, Ky.

Leslie Carpenter Kauffman (86) is a developmental editor for South-Western Publishing Co. In Cincinnati, Ohio.

Karen James Cain (88) is an alumni secretary at Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky. Her husband **Ben** (83) is a youth minister at Lawrenceburg (Ky.) United Methodist Church. They have two children.

Charles Ritchie (89) is a systems analyst for Toyota Tsusho America, Inc., in Georgetown, Ky.

Michael A. Miller (89) is a 7/8 language arts/health/keyboarding teacher at Batavia Junior/Senior High School in Ohio. He was nominated to be Clermont County's Teacher of the Year.

Thom Pratt (89) graduated in May 1995 from the Cincinnati Bible Seminary with a MA in counseling. Since then he has worked as the Minister of Counseling at the Northern Kentucky Christian Counseling Center, a ministry of Trinity Baptist Church in Newport, Ky.

Dr. Cherie Carnes Rebar (89) is an analyst for Health Care Business Resources in Philadelphia, Pa.

Tracy D. Reed (89) is presently working as the manager of client operations at Microbiological Associates in Rockville, Md.

Kimberly Hook Click (90) is an attorney for VanAntwerp, Monge, Jones & Edwards in Ashland, Ky. Her husband **Daniel** (90) is a sales representative for Atlantis Plastics. They have two children.

John Fulks (90) is a youth pastor for Graham Heights Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn.

Katherine Thompson (90) is a city sales manager for Studio Plus Hotels in Lexington, Ky.

William Roy Colwell (91) is a program coordinator for Gateways To Better Living in Austintown, Ohio.

Craig Mackenzie (91) is a financial services consultant at Bank One in Lexington, Ky. His wife **Kristina Davis Mackenzie** (91) is a social worker in pediatrics at University of Kentucky Medical Center, also in Lexington.

Christa Shelton Moore (91) is the director of advertising for Fabritec International in Cold Spring, Ky.

Lavonda Royster Moore (91) is an assistant manager for TGM in Lexington, Ky. Her husband **Kenneth** (91) is a systems analyst for Ashland Inc., also in Lexington.

Adria Lynn Rodgers Carter (92) is a substitute teacher for Wood County Schools in Parkersburg, W. Va. Her husband **Phillip Bryan Carter** (91) is a claim representative for State Farm Insurance Co.

Thomas Aumack (92) is a market training manager for Thorn Americas in Berwyn, Ill.

Deborah Bare (92) is an audio engineer for WKYT-TV Channel 27 in Lexington, Ky.

Shannon M. Day (92) is a comptroller/chief financial officer for H&H Investments, LLC, Diamond Forest Resources, Inc. and Clear



Shannon M. Day

Creek Hardwoods, Inc. He has also received his certified public accountant license and practices in the Morehead area on a part-time basis.

Beau Kinnaird (92) went to the Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta as a sports health trainer. He is an athletic trainer at Lutheran Hospital.

Julie Hunt (92) is an analyst for Teleservicing at Bronner, Slosbery, Humphrey in Boston, Ma.

Joyce Winkleman Lewis (92) is an RN BSN, home health for Appalachian Regional Health Care in West Liberty, Ky. Her husband **Delbert**, who also attended MSU, is the owner and contractor of Lewis Construction in Sandy Hook, Ky.

Tricia Sheffield (92) is an advertising manager for The American Saddlebred Magazine in Lexington, Ky.

James Sheller (92) is a pretrial officer for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Administrative Office of the Courts in Louisville, Ky.

Christian Turner (92) was recognized by the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants for receiving his CPA certificate.

Keli Elam Yeast (92) is the sports writer for The Harrodsburg Herald in Harrodsburg, Ky.

Her husband **Terry** (92) has been named head track and field coach for men and women at Centre College.

Tracy Pollitt Eubanks (93) is a procurement specialist for Emerson Power Trans. in Maysville, Ky.

James R. Frebis (93) specializes in computer risk management at Arthur Andersen in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was just promoted to manager in the Cincinnati office's audit division.

Doug Mays (93) is a 1st Lt. of student naval aviator/aircraft maintenance officer for the United States Marine Corps. He and his wife **Melissa Borich Mays** (92) have a one-year-old daughter.

Jennifer Whyte Berryman (94) is a member accounts officer for Members Heritage FCU in Lexington, Ky.

Jeffrey D. Frazier (95) has been cast in several supporting roles in Steven Seagal's newest action movie, "The Fire Down Below." Frazier is employed by Agape Community Services, Inc., in Morehead, Ky. where he is the Residential Program Coordinator.

Alice Lowe (95) is an RN supervisor at Pinecrest Care Center Nursing Home in Gallopis, Ohio.

Camille Celeste Gray (96) was recognized by the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants for receiving the Honorable Mention Award, given only to those who pass all four parts of the examination on the first attempt.

Susan G. Puckett (96) is a family and consumer science instructor and Future Homemakers of American Co-Adviser for George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester, Ky.

Andrea Tackett (96) is a student/employee at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Tumbling into success

Robin and David Pollitte's teams earn national recognition

BY REBECCA BAILEY

When Robin Barker Pollitte began her practicum as a social work student at MSU, she was advised not to become emotionally involved with her clients. "So that was the first thing I did," she said, "with a blind woman whom I still visit."

Knowing she wanted to work with people, she took a combination of courses in recreation, business, and child development for a bachelor's degree in University Studies in 1983. "I had no idea I'd be doing what I am now," she said, "but it was exactly what I needed."

With her husband David, Robin is owner and manager of TNT Gym in Morehead. The tumbling team they coach has been state champions for the past five years and second in the nation (of nearly 200 teams) for the past two. Of 50 spots on the national team, they have placed as many as seven of their students in the same year.

Both have been coaching and teaching since high school. Robin, a cheerleader at Rowan County High School, continued assisting the squad after graduation. David, also an RCHS graduate, was an assistant coach with the youth league while a student at MSU. Robin and David began dating while she was a freshman at MSU and he was a senior at RCHS. They married in July 1983 shortly after Robin graduated from MSU. David earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and later a master's degree in education, and began teaching math and coaching football and strength at RCHS. Robin, meanwhile, had opened Robin's Gymnastics, which she operated until 1987, when David's teaching and football coaching career took them to Owen County.

"I loved teaching and coaching," David said, "but educational bureaucracy and politics is a sad and very real damper on enthusiasm. I knew I could be successful but that also meant that I would have to drag my family from city to city and not see them much either." They visited family and friends in Morehead regularly, and Robin was often asked when she was going to come back and start teaching gymnastics again. They had already had their first child, but decided to take the risk and come back to Morehead to start their own business.

The first TNT Gym opened on Cranston Road in 1989. They moved to their present loca-

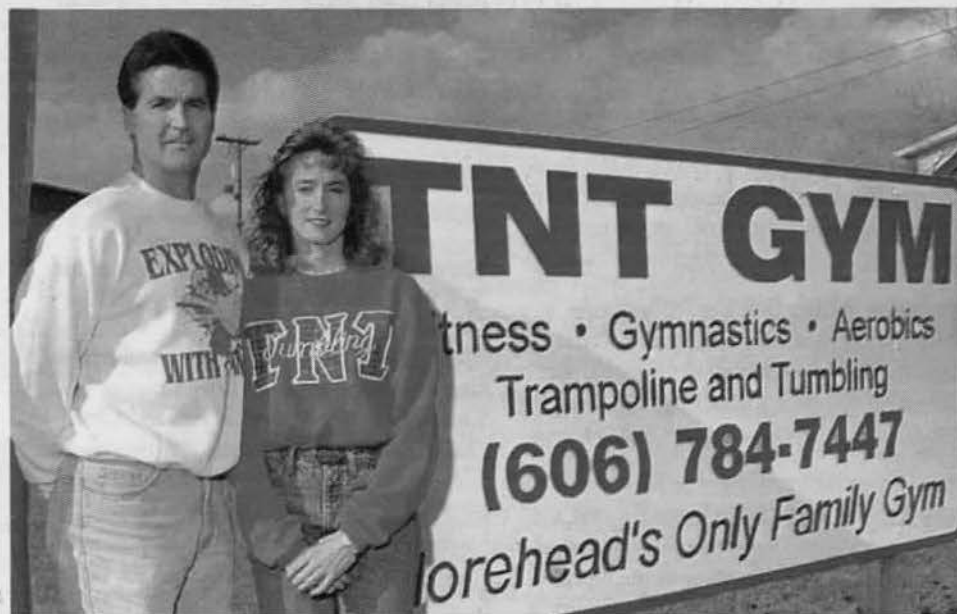
tion on West Main Street three years ago.

Robin's interest in gymnastics began with cheerleading, and what she didn't learn at clinics, camps, and seminars she taught herself. "I taught myself the wrong way," she said. "Like backflips off a picnic table." But she learned the right way so she could teach the right way. "I teach them so they won't get hurt."

David's interest grew out of being with Robin. He found many links between coaching football and coaching tumbling. "Both are structured around athleticism, enthusiasm, and discipline," he said.

Both believe their students are learning much more than tumbling and trampoline. "More is caught than is taught," said David. "These kids learn teamwork and goal-setting. They learn self-discipline and dedication, things that don't show up on a piece of paper. Those are things you absorb through great parents, coaches, and teachers, the things we were blessed with during our years at RCHS and MSU."

They agree that their two personalities working together is the reason for their success. He has the motivation to compete and win; she is the perfectionist who sees that



David and Robin Pollitte

every child is "brought home and made better."

"I say, 'Be careful,' and David says, 'Run!'" Robin laughed. David said that this has created both a large and constantly improving team.

In 1995, David received the National Tumbling and Trampoline Coach of the Year Award. But the greatest satisfaction for the Pollittes comes from being able to make their Christian beliefs a center of their careers.

"We thank God every day for the responsibilities and blessings we have," said David. "It is such a unique opportunity to coach and manage a family gymnastics and fitness center with your spouse as a business partner. We have an apartment in the building so our children Kayli, 9, and Brianna, 5, have a mom and dad. That's something different and it works: a career, a family, and a business."



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